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Yielding to the desires of players and coaches, the Steelers will stick with natural grass at Heinz Field. **1B**

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- Beth J. Hardy, 65, Connellsville
- Joanna Kruppa, 70, North Belle Vernon
- Mary Stone Jupin, 84, Belle Vernon
- Eloise Ann Brown Johnston, 65, Belle Vernon (Pricedale, Rostraver Township)
- David Anthony Vince, 43, formerly of Carroll Township
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TOMORROW

Ductmate Industries is developing an environmentally friendly line of products.

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Flu hammers region

Although not fully effective against all strains, the vaccine is still recommended.

By ALLISON M. HEINRICHS
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The flu is hitting western Pennsylvania hard, and even people vaccinated against it are feeling achy, likely because almost half of the flu cases nationwide are from strains not perfectly covered by the flu shot.

Allegheny and Westmoreland counties account for more than one in every five cases of flu confirmed in Pennsylvania, according to the state Department of Health. The two counties have reported 417 cases combined. For every case confirmed, experts say hundreds more are unreported.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 44 percent of flu cases are caused by strains not well-matched to this season's vaccine.

"I'm seeing a lot of cases, especially in the last two weeks," said Dr. Marc Itskowitz, an internist at Allegheny General Hospital in the North Side. "In the majority of cases, people simply did not get a flu shot, but people who were vaccinated are getting it too."

The flu shot is tailored to protect against the three main types of influenza – two influenza A types, H1N1 and H3N2, and influenza B. Each type has many strains, usually named for the places they originate.

About nine months before flu season, the World Health Organization advises vaccine manufacturers about which strains to include in the flu shot, based on flu activity in the southern hemisphere, where the seasons are opposite the northern hemisphere and flu season would be under way.

"The vaccine is made before they figure out which influenza strains are going to be the worst, because the vaccine has to be available before influenza season begins," said Dr. David Weinbaum, chief of infectious diseases at West Penn Hospital in Bloomfield.

When the decision for this year's vaccine was made, a strain of H3N2 was taking off in Brisbane,

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PHEAA must pay in records dispute

The state student loan agency violated the state Right-to-Know law.

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – A judge ruled that Pennsylvania's student loan agency acted with wanton disregard when it withheld spending records and ordered it to pay $48,000 in legal fees incurred by three media companies that fought in court for the documents.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Authority acted willfully and disregarded the state's Right-to-Know Law in a battle over spending records, including those about its lavish board retreats, Commonwealth Court Judge Doris Smith-Ribner said.

The decision, issued Friday, said there was no legitimate reason for PHEAA to delay access to the records for 20 months. The agency was ordered to pay legal fees incurred by The Associated Press, The Patriot-News of Harrisburg and Pittsburgh TV station WTAE.

The AP and The Patriot-News sought records of the board retreats, while WTAE-TV wanted to know what the agency's 2,700 workers spent on airfare, hotel rooms, meals and other expenses between 2003 and 2005.

The records showed the lawmaker-dominated board spent hundreds of thousands of dollars at posh resorts from 2000 through 2005, including on luxuries such as alcohol, golf fees and spa treatments.

For example, a three-day retreat for about 50 people in 2005 at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort and Spa in southwestern Pennsylvania cost $136,000, with dinner alone running $47,000.

The agency has defended the spending as part of the cost of doing business, but has since moved to reform its expense policies.

Spokesman Keith New said late Monday that PHEAA officials were formulating a public response to the ruling but it was not yet available.

Patriot-News Executive Editor David Newhouse said the decision was gratifying "especially because PHEAA not only denied our request from the beginning, as joined by AP and WTAE, but was very dismissive of our request."

Newhouse said the legal fees were higher than most people would be able to spend.

The Legislature is considering a revision to the state's open records law that would increase penalties for agencies and officials that knowingly withhold public records.

"We can only hope that the new Right-to-Know Law will make it so the average citizen doesn't have to pay $50,000 and take a case to the Supreme Court to get information that they have a right to in the first place," Newhouse said.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Ever vigilant, a postal worker braves a snow-covered section of Route 201 in Rostraver Township to complete an appointed route.

Freezing rain forecast

Sunshine and warmer weather are headed to the Valley for Valentine's Day.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
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An overnight snowfall coupled with the threat of freezing rain by midday lead to the cancellation of school and other activities in the area.

The prognosis for the Mid-Mon Valley was 2 to 4 inches of snow total by tonight, including what has fallen since Monday night, National Weather Service meteorologist Lee Hendricks said.

The most hazardous weather was expected this afternoon and early evening when freezing rain was forecast for the region.

Because that front was coming in from the southwest, the freezing rain was expected to hit Washington, Pa., by 11 a.m., but not arrive in Charleroi until after 2 p.m.

Some additional light snow was expected before 8 a.m. Wednesday, but little accumulation is expected. The sweetheart of the area weather forecast was expected for Valentine's Day when sunny skies and temperatures around 40 are expected.

But the winter storm overnight was causing problems all around the area.

Classes in all Mid-Mon Valley school districts and virtually all districts in the region, were cancelled this morning.

The Monessen School Board cancelled its meeting for tonight.

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce canceled its luncheon meeting, at which Washington County Commission J. Bracken Burns was scheduled to speak.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation crews were out overnight plowing roads and adding salt and anti-skid materials to roads, spokeswoman Valerie Petersen said.

Petersen said state roads were passable, though slush-covered in some areas.

Plow trucks were pushing snow off roads as well.

Crews were treating roads in the event that freezing rain rolls through the area later today, she said.

Fallowfield Township police said an accident around midnight was weather related.

The accident occurred on Old Route 71 at Rodgers Lane. There were no injuries and no further details were available this morning.

Belle Vernon sewer system project expected to be complete in March

The borough will go after people who do not properly disconnect downspouts.

By JEFF PIKULSKY
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BELLE VERNON – The borough sewer separation project should be complete by mid-March.

Project engineer Bill Johnson, of Fayette Engineering Co. Inc., of Uniontown, delivered the news at a Monday council meeting.

Construction on the $1.8 million system began last spring. The system will serve about 1,200 customers.

It is designed to eliminate overflows that send raw sewage into the Monongahela River and to satisfy a state requirement to establish separate stormwater and wastewater systems.

Council is using a $974,300 grant and an $880,450 low-interest loan from PENNVEST to pay for the work.

PENNVEST is a state agency that provides grants and low-interest loans for municipal and wastewater projects. The borough will repay the 1-percent interest loan over 30 years.

Council decided to send notices to 60 homeowners who have not properly disconnected downspouts on their residences as part of the project.

The residents will receive first warnings and will have until May to comply.

Those who fail to comply will receive second notices that provide another 15 days to comply.

After third warnings are issued, violators will face $100 daily fines.

Solicitor Mark Galper said council is seeking reimbursement of about $18,000 related to allegations the former borough tax collector stole nearly $63,000 while working for the borough.

Driscilla J. Lazzari, 57, of 219 Wood St. waived her right to a preliminary hearing last month on felony charges of theft by unlawful taking, embezzlement by a tax collector and tampering with public records.

Lazzari allegedly overbilled mortgage companies that kept tax payments in escrow accounts.

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Yesteryear

Liz Arrigo, of Belle Vernon, is pictured in front of her former bar many years ago with her old car. The photo was submitted by her daughter, Wanda Urwin, of Charleroi.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 32 Low 16	High 40 Low 25	High 38 Low 20	High 32 Low 20	High 30 Low 20

Military suicides revealed

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – National Guard and Reserve troops who have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan make up more than half of veterans who committed suicide after returning home from those wars, according to new government data obtained by The Associated Press.

A Department of Veterans Affairs analysis of ongoing research of deaths among veterans of both wars, obtained exclusively by The AP, found that Guard or Reserve members were 53 percent of the veteran suicides from 2001, when the war in Afghanistan began, through the end of 2005.

The research, conducted by the agency's Office of Environmental Epidemiology, provides the first demographic look at suicides among Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who left the military — a situation that veterans and mental health advocates worry might worsen as the wars drag on.

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State closer to new open records law

The proposal would limit acess to information about youngsters.

By The Associated Press

HARRISBURG – An overhaul of the state's open records law that would make far more documents and information available to the public grew closer Monday as the state House unanimously sent the legislation back to the Senate with three pages of changes.

The Senate, which was expected to take up the bill today, would have to agree in order to send the bill to Gov. Ed Rendell. The bill's sponsor, Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware, supports the amended version, his spokesman said.

Rendell press secretary Chuck Ardo did not commit the governor, although Rendell has advocated for a more robust Right-to-Know Law and the legislation appears headed for a veto-proof majority.

"He'll certainly have to see what it is they send him," Ardo said Monday night. "It's difficult to comment until there's a bill to comment on."

The bill ran into opposition in the House last week from Republicans who said it would reveal too much about people's calls to 911 centers, prevent real estate companies from using public records for their businesses and potentially increase cases of identity theft.

A Democratic-sponsored amendment addressed those issues, and partisans on both sides praised the final result. Passage on the House floor was greeted with a chorus of cheers.

"I didn't want to muscle this thing through, I wanted to make it bipartisan and bicameral," House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese, D-Waynesburg, said.

House Minority Leader Sam Smith, R-Jefferson, said the amended bill "goes a long way in putting a proper balance between the public's right to know and the public's expectation of personal privacy protection."

But Pennsylvania Newspaper Association lobbyist Deb Musselman said her organization was withholding judgment, particularly because of a last-minute addition that would deny access to records identifying the names, home addresses or dates of birth of children 17 years old or younger.

"Isn't that all the Columbine shooting victims, any kid that's huffing and involved in car accidents, plus all their passengers?" Musselman said. "That appears to us, at first glance, to really be at odds with what's public now."

Still, there are vast differences with the much-maligned current law, written in 1957 and revised in 2002. It says the only records that have to be released are minutes, orders and decisions; or accounts, vouchers and contracts. Other laws and court decisions have further narrowed what is public.

Access advocates say the biggest improvement would be made by forcing all records to be open, beyond a list of exceptions, and by requiring the government to prove why a withheld record should not be made public.

It would establish a new agency to handle access disputes for most state and local agencies, the Office of Open Records. It would be located with the Department of Community and Economic Development, which critics, including Common Cause of Pennsylvania, have said would create a conflict-of-interest when handling executive-branch agency matters.

Sewer (FROM PAGE ONE)

Galper said Lazzari also kept about $6,000 in real estate tax revenue.

He said council wants that money and about $12,000 paid to accounting firm Cypher and Cypher to conduct audits that revealed the missing funds.

A state police task force indicated Cypher and Cypher determined that $62,788.11 was missing from the borough's tax account from 1998 to 2004

Borough Secretary Donna Bitonti first noticed the irregularities.

Galper said Lazzari has agreed to make restitution and enter into the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program.

The program is designed for first-time, nonviolent offenders.

Those who successfully complete program requirements can petition the courts to have their criminal records wiped clean.

Galper said the restitution amount has not been determined and that he would ask the court to add the $18,000 council is seeking.

Galper said he also researching whether Lazzari's bonding company, Zurich Insurance Co., would reimburse the borough that amount.

In an unrelated matter, Mayor James Bitonti said council will receive a $25,000 grant from the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority to install a drainage system at Brewer Stadium.

Flu (FROM PAGE ONE)

Australia, and a strain of influenza B was spreading from Yamagata, Japan -- too late to include in the flu shot.

That doesn't mean people who received the flu shot have no protection against the flu, said Joe Bresee, an epidemiologist at the CDC's Influenza Division.

"We know from past influenza studies that the vaccine can still protect enough to make illness milder or prevent flu-related complications," Bresee said.

The symptoms for each strain are the same – muscle aches, fever, sore throat, headache – and doctors usually won't test to determine which strain a person contracts, Itskowitz said.

"Most patients who develop the flu are not officially diagnosed," he said. "It's estimated that for every case that's confirmed, there are hundreds or thousands not confirmed."

Time hasn't run out on getting a flu shot, health officials said.

"Some people think it's too late to get the vaccine because we're in February," said Stacy Kriedeman, spokeswoman for the state Department of Health.

"It only takes about 10 days to build up immunity. We don't know when flu season is going to peak or how many people are going to get ill, but we do know there is still plenty of time to protect against it."

Excela Health, which has three hospitals in Westmoreland County, has seen 116 flu cases this season, mostly among people who did not get the flu shot, said Denise Addis, chief quality officer.

Addis, a nurse, tells people to wash their hands to avoid spreading germs.

"And if you get sick, stay home and get rest," she said. "Don't go to work, so you don't spread your symptoms to others."

That holds true for children, who tend to be vectors for the flu virus because they are less likely to wash hands or cover mouths, said Dr. Judith Martin, a pediatric infectious disease expert at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

"I know adults work and, as a working parent, I'm very sympathetic," Martin said.

"But if your child is sick, it is better to keep them home."

What to do about flu

- Get a flu shot. Flu season usually does not peak until late February.
- Wash your hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth after touching any surfaces that might be contaminated. Avoid people who are sick.
- Contact your doctor if you have flu symptoms or were exposed to someone with the flu. Certain prescription medications can lessen the severity and duration of symptoms if taken within 24 to 48 hours of the onset of symptoms.
- If your symptoms are severe, such as difficulty breathing, contact a doctor immediately.

– Source: Allegheny County Health Department

Valley briefs

Liggett ordered to pay fines

A Fayette County judge has upheld $10,500 in fines levied against an Allegheny County real estate speculator accused of failing to maintain properties in Brownsville.

Judge Steve Leskinen ordered Ernest Liggett, of Churchill, to pay the penalty after a summary trial Monday.

Liggett had appealed the fines, which were imposed in July by a district judge.

Liggett said the ruling won't derail his efforts to transform the deteriorating structures into such new uses as a sports medicine clinic, an Olympic-training venue, a hotel, apartments, townhouses and retail outlets.

The fines stem from building-code citations issued in May by the borough for unsafe structures and failure to maintain window frames at 17-19, 39 and 56 Market St.

Murder suspect represents himself

An Allegheny County man will be representing himself when he begins trying to convince a jury that he was mentally impaired at the time he allegedly robbed and killed a 78-year-old Upper St. Clair woman.

Jason Patrick Stollar, 29, of Washington, is accused of robbing and killing 78-year-old Jean Heck in 2003.

Judge David Cashman issued a gag order last week after learning that Stollar had agreed to an interview with the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, a sister publication of *The Valley Indepoendent*.

Cashman has ordered an attorney to represent Stollar in the trial's death penalty phase, if he's convicted of first-degree murder.

A jury was selected last week. Testimony began this morning.

Yellow Cab Co. sues fake cabbie

Yellow Cab Co. says a Pittsburgh man is pretending to drive a cab for their company.

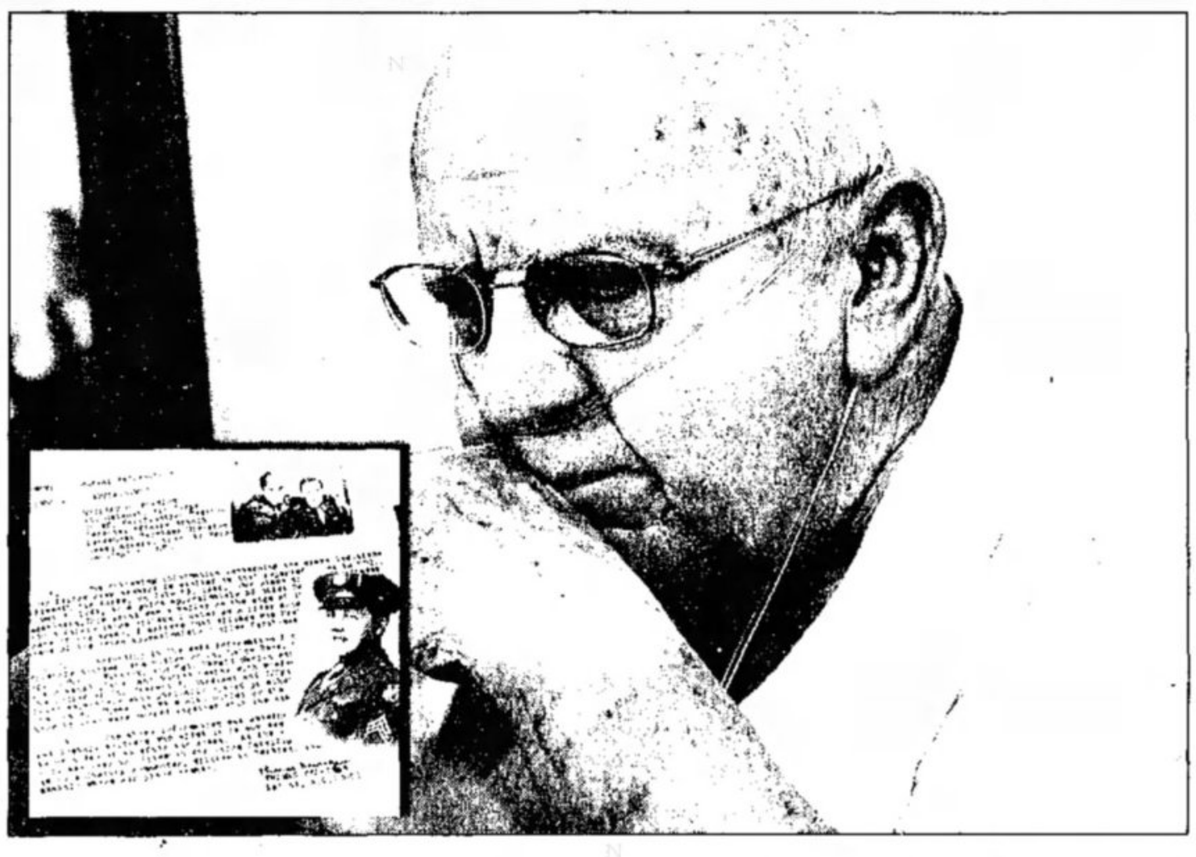
Yellow Cab has sued Micheal Willus in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court.

The company says Willus drives a painted yellow minivan that is adorned with the company's phone number, name and design.

A company spokesman said Willus' van even has a white light on the top that says Yellow Cab.

Trouble is the company says Willus doesn't work for them but is still collecting fares.

Willus' listed telephone is temporarily out of service.



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Charleroi resident Fred Karlowsky displays mementos of his late brother, Harry E. Boyer, who was killed in action during World War II. The government sent Boyer's remains to Monessen about four years after his death and a funeral was conducted, but Karlowsky suspected something was wrong. He didn't learn the truth about his brother's fate until December, when it was revealed that Boyer's plane was shot down by a German Messerschmitt on the edge of the Kopaonik Mountains in Yugoslavia on May 7, 1944, and he was buried nearby by a priest with four other members of his crew.

Truth about area man's death in WW2 action surfaced 63 years later

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Fred Karlowsky served his country during World War II, fighting with the 88th Infantry in Italy.

But it was the details surrounding his brother's death during the war that haunted the Monessen native and current Charleroi resident for decades.

Although he is finally at peace with his brother's fate, Karlowsky still searches for photographs taken at his funeral in Monessen.

Karlowsky was still at home when his mother received a telegram from the War Department in the summer of 1944 reporting that Technical Sergeant Harry E. Boyer was reported missing in action on May 7, 1944.

It would take four years for the funeral and much longer for some answers.

Karlowsky still recalls the day his brother's remains were sent home in a sealed casket.

"I said, 'Mom, there's no way he's in that box,'" he recalled.

His sister, Shirley, refused to attend the funeral because she too felt that their brother's remains were still in Europe. Time and the results of diligent searching would prove them right.

Karlowsky remembers the funeral. A caisson carried the casket through the city to the church.

He remembers seeing people taking photographs of the funeral procession.

Karlowsky said he would like to have copies of any of the photos that were taken that day.

Shortly after the funeral, Karlowsky began in earnest trying to find answers. He wrote to anyone he knew who served with his brother, a flight engineer on a B-24 in the 455th Bombardment Group.

Boyer's name was discussed at reunions in hopes that someone knew anything about the fateful day he died.

Valley profiles

A weekly look at one of our neighbors

It was soon after his mother received the telephone about Boyer that Karlowsky would join the war.

Karlowsky had quit school during the Depression to go to work, first at Corning Glass in Charleroi and later at Page Steel before joining the service.

A mortar man, Karlowsky landed at Naples and marched to Brenner Pass. He would spend 18 months overseas.

Never wounded, Karlowsky is silent when asked about the harrowing aspects of the war he viewed. Karlowsky still keeps in touch with an army buddy in Connecticut. There are memories of the war only the two talk about.

"With the mortars, you're back behind the lines," Karlowsky explained.

"If you hear the whistling, you're okay. But if you don't hear the whistling, you better duck."

Back home in Monessen, Karlowsky met his wife, Nancy, at a club.

They married in 1950, and have a son, Fred, who resides in Maryland, and a daughter, Nancy Lee Giordanengo, who resides in Cranberry Township.

It was Giordanengo's daughter, Danielle, who helped her grandfather learn the truth about his brother.

The information she obtained for her grandfather in December told the following story.

The 10-man crew was on a bombing mission to a German installation in Bucharest, Romania, on May 7, 1944. The plane was apparently shot down by a German Messerschmitt on the edge of the Kopaonik Mountains in Yugoslavia.

Boyer was wounded on the plane deck before the bomber caught fire.

The Monessen man parachuted from the plane, but his chute was riddled with German machine gun fire and he plummeted to his death.

A priest buried the five victims of the crash.

"I'm satisfied," Karlowsky said. "I know he was buried by a priest."

Wecht secretary acknowledges billing practices

Mary Beth Blettner said she billed numerous private clients for services her boss didn't use.

By JASON CATO
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Dr. Cyril H. Wecht's longtime secretary testified Monday that she worked on the forensic pathologist's private cases while on duty at the Allegheny County Coroner's Office.

Mary Beth Blettner said she does not believe Wecht did anything wrong, although she acknowledged billing numerous private clients for travel expenses through a company she knew Wecht did not use and for limousine rides she knew he never took.

Wecht, 76, of Squirrel Hill is in the third week of his federal public corruption trial.

He is accused of using his public office for private gain while serving as coroner.

Blettner worked for Wecht from 1970 through 2001.

From 1984 through 1995, while Wecht was out of public office, she said her salary was paid by Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates, his private business.

She said she was paid more than $30,000 in 1995.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Stallings presented documents showing that Wecht's private business paid Blettner less than $10,000 in 1996, while the county paid her $41,499.

By the time she retired, the county paid Blettner $54,000 per year.

Blettner acknowledged she handled much of Wecht's private business while at the coroner's office, but said she still completed all her county duties.

She also said Wecht paid for copy paper used at the coroner's office, bought stamps for his private matters and had a telephone line installed for Blettner to call private clients without using county resources.

Tom Rabickow, the chief histologist at what is now the county medical examiner's office, testified that the former chief histologist, George Hollis, began working mainly on Wecht's private cases while on county time in 2001.

"I noticed that I had a lot more to do," Rabickow testified before U.S. District Judge Arthur J. Schwab.

He said that practice caused a backlog of tissue samples at the morgue. Rabickow said he never told anyone that Hollis was working on private cases at the morgue.

Audit approved in Fayette

An audit will examine the Fayette County Controller's Office.

Commissioners Vincent Zapotosky and Vince Vicites have signed off on a request for the audit from Controller Sean Lally, who took office in January. Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink yesterday said she will vote to ratify the request when the commissioners meet later this month.

Commissioners had set aside $15,000 for the audit when they passed the county budget in December. Zapotosky said $10,000 will cover the audit, with the remaining $5,000 earmarked for travel and other expenses.

Zapotosky said Lally, who took office after defeating incumbent Mark Roberts, asked for the audit. Zapotosky said no one has alleged any improprieties that would require an audit.

"Mr. Lally is a new controller, and it will be good to look at the books so everyone is operating on the same page," Zapotosky said.

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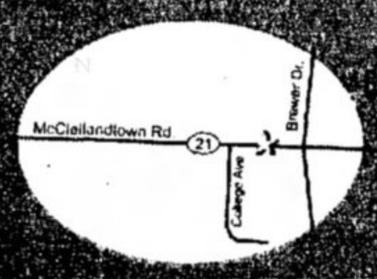

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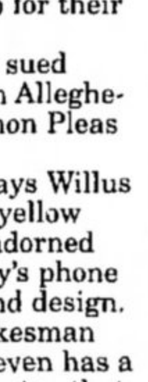

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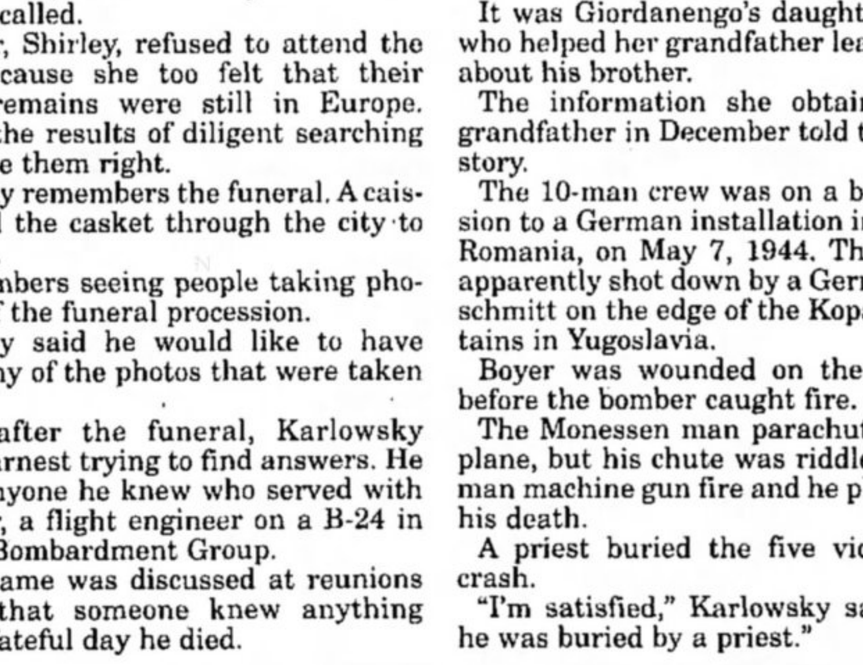

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DEATH NOTICES

DRAKE — Francis N. Drake, 75, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), on Monday, Feb. 11. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

GILES — Eunice Giles, 80, of Mapleview (Charleroi), on Saturday, Feb. 9. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.*

HARDY — Beth J. Hardy, 65, of Connellsville, on Sunday, Feb. 10. Brooks Funeral Home Inc., Connellsville.*

JOHNSTON — Eloise A. Johnston, 65, of Belle Vernon (Pricedale, Rostraver Township), on Monday, Feb. 11. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

JUPIN — Mary Jupin, 84, of Belle Vernon, on Monday, Feb. 11. Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., Belle Vernon.*

KRUPPA — Joanna Kruppa, 70, of North Belle Vernon, on Sunday, Feb. 10. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

VINCE — David A. Vince, formerly of Carroll Township, on Monday, Jan. 21. Mr. Dominick Vince, Clearville.*

WOODS — John G.P. Woods, 65, of Monongahela, on Saturday, Feb. 9. William G. Neal Funeral Homes Ltd., Washington.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
JACOBS, Edna*
*** See death notice**

Francis N. Drake
Rostraver Township

Francis N. "Nick" Drake, 75, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Monday, February 11, 2008, at his home.

Born in Phillipsburg (California, Pa., East Pike Run Township) on April 21, 1932, he was the son of the late Stanley and Elizabeth Slosky Drake. Nick was a retired maintenance foreman for Elliot Company in Donora. He was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Dominic site, the American Legion Ernest E. Jobes Post No. 212, the American Rusin Club, and the Elks Club, all in Donora, and the Mon Valley Slovak Cultural Society. Nick served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, R. Geraldine Morgan Drake; three sons, Mark F. Drake and wife, Patti, of Monessen, Randall E. Drake and wife, Kelly, of Donora, and Jason N. Drake, of Rostraver Township; two daughters, Pamela M. Drake, of North Charleroi, and Heidi S. Sodora and husband, Michael, of Port Vue; eight loving grandchildren, Joshua Crow, Bradley Sodora, Shane A. Drake, Alisyn Drake, James Sberna, Emily Drake, Randall Drake and Seth Cadwallader; and one brother, John Drake, of East Palestine, Ohio. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Jason M. Drake, in 2002. Friends will be received Wednesday, February 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, February 14, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where prayers will be recited on Friday, February 15, at 9:45 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am in Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Dominic site, Donora, with the Rev. Michael Yaksick as celebrant. Interment, with full Military Honors, will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Donora Public Library, the Rostraver Public Library or to Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Dominic site, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Eunice Giles
Charleroi

Eunice Kendrick Giles, 80, of Mapleview (Charleroi), died Saturday, February 9, 2008, in the emergency room at Mon Valley Hospital. She was born November 19, 1927, in Charleroi, the daughter of the late John Joseph and Mary Coleman Kendrick. Eunice was a 1945 graduate of Charleroi High School and received her bachelor of science degree in dietetics from Carlow University and completed her internship at (UPMC) Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh. She was legend in dietetics, an outstanding career which consisted of 40 years with the Veterans Administration as Chief of Dietetic Service in Syracuse, N.Y., Philadelphia, Coatesville, Dayton, Ohio, and Pittsburgh. Mrs. Giles was on the Speakers Bureau for Ross Laboratories nationwide as a lecturer, publications, radio and TV media. She represented the USA at the International Congress of Dietetics in Sydney, Australia, in 1977, where she presented her publication in Audiology. Eunice was a renowned teacher, coordinating the undergraduate dietetic programs at Syracuse University. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Charleroi, the Catholic Women's College Club, where she was an officer and former president, an active member of her class reunion committee, the American Dietetic Association and the Pittsburgh Dietetic Association, where she was a recipient of many awards, including outstanding dietician for the Philadelphia Dietetic Association and the Woman of Spirit for Carlow University. Surviving are several cousins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Lee Giles, in 2007, who was her sweetheart since grade school. There will be no public visitation at Eunice's request. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church with her pastor, the Rev. David F. Dzermejko, officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH. Arrangements are being handled by the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, Charleroi.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Beth J. Hardy
Connellsville

Beth J. Hardy, 65, of Connellsville, Pa., died Sunday, February 10, 2008, in Excela Health Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg. She was born November 21, 1942, in Fayette City, a daughter of the late Wylie E. and Mildred Urch Smith. Mrs. Hardy was a graduate of Brownsville High School and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She was retired from Westinghouse, Waltz Mill plant. Mrs. Hardy attended the Albright United Methodist Church in South Connellsville, where she taught the Ever Faithful Sunday school class. She also was active in the Christian and Missionary Alliance churches. Mrs. Hardy was past treasurer of the Women's Missionary Prayer Fellowship at the Uniontown CMA Church and past secretary of the Leaseholders at the Mahaffey CMA Church Camp. She was a former member of the Uniontown Business and Professional Women. Mrs. Hardy is survived by her husband, William Edward Hardy; four children, Bonnie Green, of Greensburg, Rebecca Lynn Broadwater and husband, Rick, of Mill Run, William E. Hardy II and wife, Lori, of Stormville, N.Y., and Brad Allan Hardy, U.S. Navy Ret. and wife, Gillian, of Virginia Beach, Va.; eight grandchildren; her siblings, Marie Pugh and husband, Thomas, of York, Pa., Marjorie DeBord, of Massillon, Ohio, Robert Smith and wife, Janet, of Waynesburg, Nelson Smith and wife, Joyce, of Fayette City, and Kathryn DeBord and husband, Fred, of Brownsville; and numerous nieces and nephews and their families. Friends will be received Tuesday, February 12, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the BROOKS FUNERAL HOME INC., 111 East Green St., Connellsville. Additional viewing will take place Wednesday, February 13, in Albright United Methodist Church, South Connellsville, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Funeral services will be held in the church at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. Byron Tate Fulton officiating. Interment will follow in Green Ridge Memorial Park, Pennsville. To sign the guest registry, please visit www.brooksfuneralhomes.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

David A. Vince
Formerly of Carroll Township

David Anthony Vince, 43, formerly of Carroll Township, died suddenly in his sleep on Jan. 21, 2008, in Nags Head, N.C. Survivors include his daughter, Rachael; parents, Dominick and Arlyne Vince; a sister, Toni Wiker; nephews, Andy and Billy Wiker; and numerous aunts and uncles. Interment was in Seven Dolors Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church Cemetery, Clearville.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Edna Jacobs
Dunlevy

Edna Checchi Jacobs, 91, of Dunlevy, died Friday, February 8, 2008, in the Adult Assisted Living facility in Dunlevy. A daughter of Antonio and Rosa Parenti Checchi, she was born in Dunlevy on August 23, 1916. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Roman Catholic Church of Charleroi. A resident of Dunlevy her entire life, she, in 1953, married Robert R. Jacobs, who had been a burgess and mayor of Dunlevy. Together, they started a tradition of hosting and serving the veterans of the Mon Valley for a luncheon on Memorial and Veterans days. She continued this tradition for many years after her husband's death on July 11, 1986. Today, the traditional luncheon has been taken over by the ladies of the Dunlevy Recreation Committee. Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Mary Jacobs, of Ft. Myers, Fla.; one grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Robert R. III and Rebecca Jacobs, of Nashville, Tenn.; two great-grandchildren, Henry Robert Jacobs and Harper Carolyn Jacobs, of Nashville, Tenn.; one brother, Edward Checchi, of Hawaii; one sister, Emma Goldsby, of Florida; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Robert R. Jacobs II, on December 27, 2007; three brothers, Elmo, Eleio and Elio Checchi; four sisters, Elnora Bucchianeri, Elia Haywood, Esilde Bussard and Eilidae Checchi; and one nephew, Elmo Checchi. Friends will be received Tuesday, February 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home on Wednesday, February 13, at 9:45 a.m. and proceed to Mary, Mother of the Church for a Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. David Dzermejko as celebrant. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joanna Kruppa
North Belle Vernon

Joanna Kruppa, 70, of North Belle Vernon, died Sunday, February 10, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. Born August 23, 1937, in North Charleroi, she was the daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Kinder Kruppa. A resident of North Belle Vernon for the past 45 years, Ms. Kruppa was a member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church in Belle Vernon. Stricken with polio as a teenager, she spent three years at the D.T. Watson Home, where she was one of Dr. Jonas Salk's "polio pioneers". She returned home to graduate from Charleroi High School in 1955 and graduated from California State Teachers College in 1959. She was an elementary school teacher for 25 years. Her first job was at Fort Allen in Hempfield Township and then at Barren Run Elementary School in the Yough School District for most of her career. She is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Damon Turek, of Beaver Falls; a brother and sister-in-law, John R. and Kathy Kruppa, of Canonsburg; a sister-in-law, Sharon Kruppa, of Monongahela; nieces and nephews, John Edward and Barbara Kruppa, Dana and Norman Shepler, and Christopher Kruppa and Rachel; great-nieces and nephews, Ryan and Bethany Kruppa, Tessa Shepler, Tylor and Bailey Kruppa; and a special cousin, Mary Ann Gratty, of Economy. Visitation will be held Wednesday, February 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, family owned and operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724-929-6183). A prayer service will be held in the funeral home at 11 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. in St. Sebastian R.C. Church with the Rev. Lawrence L. Manchas, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Condolences accepted for the family at the funeral home Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary Jupin
Belle Vernon

Mary Stone Jupin, 84, of Belle Vernon, died Monday, February 11, 2008, in Meadowcrest Nursing Home, Bethel Park. A daughter of the late Scott and Olive Harger Stone, she was born in Meadville on August 20, 1923. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon. A lifelong resident of Belle Vernon, Mary had many friends and loved playing bingo and cards, the more the merrier. She had been employed as a licensed practical nurse at the former Charleroi-Monessen Hospital for 17 years and worked at the Belle Vernon Kmart store for several years. Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy "DeeDee" and David Bergstedt, of Monessen, and Janet and Jerry Falibota, of Frederick, Md.; two sons and daughters-in-law, George E. and Cathy Jupin, of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and Scott and Janice Jupin, of Belle Vernon; 12 grandchildren, Meri Labick and husband, John, of Latrobe, Jill Apel and husband, Steve, of Tarpon Springs, Dana Bergstedt, of Ashville, N.C., Heidi Niesen and husband, Doug, of Venetia, Tippi Dolfi and husband, Derrick, of Rostraver Township, Keri Jupin, of Tarpon Springs, David Bergstedt and wife, Dana, of Monessen, Danny Jupin, of Tarpon Springs, Shane Falibota and wife, Becky, of Frederick, Md., Shelley Falibota and fiance, Michael, of Chevy Chase, Md., and Scott and Zachary Jupin, of Belle Vernon; 10 great-grandchildren, Natalie Dolfi, Wil Niesen, Alexis Apel, Ashley Dolfi, Tommy Labick, Ben Niesen, Rylie Dolfi, Rachael Niesen, Michael Apel and Victoria Bergstedt; and two lifelong friends, Margaret Delores Modrak and Agnes Krivyanek. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Jupin, on May 13, 1966; and one brother, Vincent Stone. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com, (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon. Funeral services will be in the First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, February 14, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Suzanne Currie officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. The elders and members of the First Presbyterian Church will meet in the funeral home to hold services Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

John G.P. Woods
Monongahela

John George Paul Woods, 65, of Monongahela, died unexpectedly on Saturday, February 9, 2008, in his home. He was born December 4, 1942, in Washington County, a son of the late William and Lillian Stenger Woods. He graduated from Washington High School and attended welding school. A retired welder, Mr. Woods worked at U.S Steel, Clairton Works for 10 years and at various construction companies. He recently worked at Lone Pine Construction. He was a member of UMWA Construction, Local No. 1998, District 2, and Meadowlands Sportsmen's Club at Dutch Fork. Mr. Woods enjoyed his camper at Four Seasons and also enjoyed riding his quad, hunting and fishing. On May 31, 1969, he married Mary Alice Grimm, who survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Kristi Woods, of Monongahela, Kandi Albolino (James Williams), of Venetia, and Karrie Woods, of Pemberton, N.J.; three brothers, William (Shirley) Woods, of Parma, Ohio, Jerry (Linda) Woods, of Amity, and Fred (Kathleen) Woods, of Washington; and six sisters, Lillian Hull March, Shirley Mathot and Alice (Tom) Harter, all of Washington, Diane (William) Hughes, of Eighty Four, Nancy (John) Christman, of Lawton, Okla., and Sandra (Carmon) LaSalvia, of Washington; and five grandchildren, Jared Woods, Matthew Albolino, Sarah Albolino, Jonathan Albolino and Katerina Williams. Deceased is one daughter, Kimberly Jean Woods. Friends will be received Tuesday, February 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday, February 13, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the WILLIAM G. NEAL FUNERAL HOMES LTD., 925 Allison Ave., Washington, where services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 14. Interment will follow in Washington Cemetery. Additional information and a guest book are on-line at www.NealFuneralHome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

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In Memory of
Mildred L. Capozza

A Birthday Tribute today, February 12, in loving memory of my beloved wife, Mildred L. Capozza.
Today is your birthday, without candles and cake, and since you're not with me, I won't celebrate. On a sad day like this, there is not much to say, but ask God to honor you in His own way. And grant me one wish and make it come true, to have His choir of Angels sing "Happy Birthday" to you.
Sadly missed and loved by her husband Lewis.

In Memory Of
Donald (Babe) Lessman

In loving memory of our beloved husband & father, Donald (Babe) Lessman, who passed away 1 year ago today, February 12, 2007.
No one knows how much we miss you.
No one knows the bitter pain
we have suffered since we lost you.
life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers
sweetly tender, fond and true.
there is not a day, dear loved one,
that we do not think of you.
Sadly missed and loved by Wife Nancy, Children Karin & Mark, Jeff & Debbie, Grandchildren Kassidy, Colton & Remington

Minnie Lee Yarbrough

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke words of kindness
As only a friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts
We thank you so much, whatever the part.
A special thanks to Pastor Clifford Carter & the Antioch Baptist Church family for the dinner served, & all the family, friends & neighbors that were so kind during her illness & death.
The Yarbrough Family

• CORRECTION •

In the ad for Washington Redevelopment Authority appearing in Fri., Sat. & Sunday Valley Independent the phone number for Charhouse Applications appeared incorrectly.
The correct phone number is
724-489-4445
The Valley Independent regrets any inconvience.

CANCELLATIONS

Monessen School Board

The Monessen School Board meeting scheduled for tonight has been canceled and rescheduled to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the elementary center board room.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 2008. There are 323 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Ky.

On this date:

■ In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who'd claimed the throne of England for nine days, and her husband, Guildford Dudley, were beheaded after being condemned for high treason.

■ In 1870, women in the Utah Territory gained the right to vote. (However, that right was taken away in 1887).

■ In 1908, the first around-the-world automobile race began in New York. (It ended in Paris the following July with the drivers of the American car, a Thomas Flyer, declared the winners over teams from Germany and Italy.)

■ In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.

■ In 1915, the cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial was laid in Washington, D.C., a year to the day after groundbreaking.

■ In 1973, Operation Homecoming began as the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict got under way.

■ In 1999, the Senate acquitted President Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice.

■ **Ten years ago**: A federal judge threw out President Clinton's new line-item veto authority.

■ **Five years ago**: The U.N. nuclear agency declared North Korea in violation of international treaties, sending the dispute to the Security Council.

■ **One year ago**: Teen gunman Sulejman Talovic shot nine people, killing five, at a Salt Lake City, Utah, mall before he was shot and killed by police.

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 85. Actor Louis Zorich is 84. Baseball Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Joe Garagiola is 82. Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) is 78. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Bill Russell is 74. Actor Joe Don Baker is 72. Author Judy Blume is 70. Rock musician Ray Manzarek (The Doors) is 69. Country singer Moe Bandy is 64. Actress Maud Adams is 63. Actor Cliff DeYoung is 63. Actor Michael Ironside is 58. Rock musician Steve Hackett is 58. Rock singer Michael McDonald is 56. Actress Joanna Kerns is 55. Actor-former talk show host Arsenio Hall is 53. Actress Christine Elise is 43. Actor Josh Brolin is 40. Singer Chynna Phillips is 40. Rock musician Jim Creeggan (Barenaked Ladies) is 38. Rhythm-and-blues musician Keri Lewis is 37. Actor Jesse Spencer ("House, M.D.") is 29. Actress Sarah Lancaster is 28. Actress Christina Ricci is 28.

Associated Press

United Nations Portuguese police stand guard in front of the prime minister's office today in Dili, East Timor. The country's president was in "extremely serious" but stable condition today in Australia after surgeons removed bullet fragments from an assassination attempt, while authorities at home declared a two-day state of emergency.

Assassination attempts prompt state of emergency in East Timor

Nation of 1 million won independence from Indonesia in 2002.

By GUIDO GOULART
Associated Press Writer

DILI, East Timor — East Timor declared a state of emergency today after rebel attacks on the country's top leaders left the president in "extremely serious" condition with gunshot wounds.

The assassination attempts Monday against President Jose Ramos-Horta and Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao — East Timor's independence heroes — thrust the desperately poor country into a fresh crisis amid fears of more unrest and political turmoil.

The first of a planned contingent of 120 Australian troops landed in the capital of Dili to strengthen the nation's foreign military peacekeeping mission, according to an Associated Press reporter at the scene. Earlier, about 30 Australian police officers arrived to boost a U.N. force already in the country.

Surgeons operated on Ramos-Horta for three hours overnight to remove bullet fragments and repair his chest wounds, Dr. Len Notaros, the general manager of the Royal Darwin Hospital, told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. Tuesday.

"His condition remains extremely serious but by the same token, stable," Notaros said. "The next few days will be the telling point. I believe he is extremely lucky to be alive."

East Timor is a nation of 1 million people that won independence from Indonesia in 2002 after a U.N.-sponsored ballot. It has struggled to emerge as a stable nation, especially since an outbreak of violence and political turmoil in 2006.

Ramos-Horta, who won the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent resistance to the decades-long Indonesian occupation, was shot in the chest and stomach outside his home by gunmen in two cars around dawn Monday, officials said.

Rebel soldiers separately attacked Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao's motorcade an hour later. The former guerrilla fighter escaped unhurt.

The country's top fugitive, Alfredo Reinado, and one of his men were killed in the attack on the president. One of the president's guards also died.

Acting President Vicente Gutterres announced the two-day emergency in an address on national television. The order bans demonstrations, gives police extended powers of search of arrest and calls for a nighttime curfew.

"Our country is right now in an extraordinary situation where a state of emergency will bring us back to normality," Gutterres said. "I ask for your help."

As he spoke, international soldiers and police patrolled the streets of Dili and searched cars at roadblocks.

Car bombs target Sunni meeting in Baghdad

U.S. military blamed al-Qaida in Iraq.

BAGHDAD (AP) — Twin car bombs targeted a meeting of Sunni tribal leaders Monday, killing as many as 22 people in the latest attack against U.S. allies who have turned against al-Qaida in Iraq.

The U.S. military blamed al-Qaida in Iraq.

The attackers managed to penetrate heavy security to leave bomb-rigged cars near a Baghdad compound hosting chieftains from the western Anbar province, where the so-called Awakening Council movement against al-Qaida emerged last year.

The blasts were also near the offices of one of Iraq's most powerful Shiite politicians, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim. But Iraqi authorities said the apparent target was the Sunni tribal heads.

Insurgents — either led or inspired by al-Qaida — have stepped up assaults against fellow Sunnis who are credited with helping drive out extremists from Baghdad and surrounding areas.

Sheik Ali Hatem al-Sulaiman, deputy chief of Anbar province's biggest Sunni tribe and a leading member of the Anbar Awakening Council, said six of their bodyguards were among those killed. At least 20 were wounded, he said.

He also blamed al-Qaida in Iraq, which has increasingly targeted Sunnis who have turned against it.

The Anbar sheiks often meet in Baghdad. They also have lobbied parliament in recent days over stalled draft legislation that would set a date for provincial elections.

"Al-Qaida and those who assist al-Qaida are targeting our offices. We ask the government not to diminish our role," al-Sulaiman said.

DEATH NOTICES

Eloise A. Johnston
Pricedale

Eloise Ann Brown Johnston, 65, of Belle Vernon, unexpectedly passed away to be with the Lord on Monday, February 11, 2008. Born July 23, 1942, in Charleroi, she was the daughter of the late Steven and Elizabeth Nagy Brown. A resident of Pricedale (Rostraver Township) all her life, she owned and operated Eloise's Beauty Salon for 45 years until her recent retirement last fall. Mrs. Johnston was a member of Pricedale Union Church. Eloise was a very loving and generous mother, grandmother and friend who enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She will be deeply and sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Pam Hollick and husband, Ralph, of Belle Vernon; son, James Johnston and wife, Renee, of Darragh; grandson, Anthony Charles Johnston; brother, Joseph Brown and wife, Dolly, of Belle Vernon; dear friend, Dennis Ferencz, of Belle Vernon; sister-in-law, Lora Lee Triggiani, of Belle Vernon; several cousins, nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Eloise was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Johnston, in 1997. Visitation will be held Tuesday, February 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, February 13, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, family owned and operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724-929-6183). Services will be held Thursday, February 14, in the funeral home at 10 a.m. with the Rev. James J. Mimidis of Pricedale Union Church officiating. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Condolences accepted for the family at the funeral home Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Postal rates will increase in May

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mailing a letter will soon cost a penny more.

The cost of a first-class stamp will rise to 42 cents starting May 12, the U.S. Postal Service said Monday.

The price of the Forever stamp will go up at the same time, meaning those stamps can still be purchased for 41 cents but will remain good for first-class postage after the rate increase takes effect.

The post office has sold 5 billion Forever stamps since they were introduced last April and plans to have an additional 5 billion in stock to meet the expected demand before the May price change, the agency said.

The charge for other services, such as advertising mail, periodicals, packages special services will also change. Changes in the price for Priority Mail and Express Mail will be announced later, the agency said.

Postage rates last went up in May, 2007, with a first-class stamp jumping 2 cents to the current 41-cent rate.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Valentine service set in Donora

Christian Life Ministries, 410 McKean Ave., Donora, will hold a special Valentine's Day service 7 p.m. Wednesday. Elder Jack Howell will deliver the message. A special gift will be presented to each woman in attendance.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player hits 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Monday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $225,000.

Lottery officials said 121 players matched four numbers and won $195 each; 4,392 players matched three numbers and won $9 each; and 50,987 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, FEB. 11

DAY PICK 3:	4-1-5
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-4-2
DAY PICK BIG 4:	6-9-3-4
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	1-5-1-6
TREASURE HUNT:	9-17-19-22-30
MIX & MATCH:	14-11-8-17-6
CASH 5:	3-11-19-33-43

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, FEB. 11

DAY PICK 3:	7-4-1
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-3-2
DAY PICK 4:	8-7-8-0
NIGHT PICK 4:	2-1-5-2
ROLLING CASH 5:	5-11-18-20-23

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

MONDAY, FEB. 11

DAILY 3:	6-3-2
DAILY 4:	4-5-5-7
CASH 25:	2-5-7-12-17-18

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of winning numbers and prize payouts. In the event of a discrepancy, the official and certified files maintained by the Pennsylvania Lottery's Security Office shall prevail.

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OUR OPINION

Rep. Daley's vision soon will be reality

State Rep. Peter J. Daley's dream of establishing a technical college in the Mid-Mon Valley finally has transformed into reality.

The veteran legislator revealed last week that the Valley's first technical college students soon will be attending classes at the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center in Speers.

And by the fall of 2009, he said, as many as 18 students could be entering the workforce, earning between $18,000 and $24,000 a year doing such work as installing air conditioning equipment or working on computers.

Daley announced the good news along with education and business leaders who helped organize the new educational program.

At the same time, he presented a $5,000 check to Dr. Patrick E. Gerity, vice president of workforce and community development at Westmoreland County Community College, for student scholarships.

The grant from the state Community Revitalization Program will provide tuition assistance for six to eight students, reducing tuition in the first semester for out-of-county students to the in-county rate.

While affiliated with WCCC, students enrolled at the new technical college will take technical classes at the Speers site, but will be able to take basic education classes such as English and math at WCCC's Mon Valley campus in Rostraver Township.

The 18-month, 60-credit program will cost $73 per credit for Westmoreland County students and $146 per credit for all others.

Last week's announcement was the climax of a long fight by Daley, who four years ago introduced legislation to create a technical college system statewide.

He said at the time there was no such system and just two technical colleges statewide - Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology and Pennsylvania College of Technology.

At the same time, Daley formed the Mon Valley Community Education Council to support creation of a technical college in the Valley. The Mon Valley Progress Council has served as a staff consultant for the education council, which included business and education leaders.

Despite a considerable amount of work on the part of numerous people and institutions, that effort failed to generate any real progress.

But the state budget approved last summer provided $2 million to establish technical college programs during 2007-08 with the long-term goal of establishing 10 programs over the next several years.

WCCC was the sole recipient of the state Department of Education's new demonstration grants to establish technical college programs.

"We felt we need this in the Mon Valley, in Fayette County and Southwestern Pennsylvania," Daley said. "We were losing too many of our young people who did not want to get a four-year degree."

Daley said the former Montgomery Wards building in Charleroi was originally considered to house the program before Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services moved to that site.

"My vision is for young people to get an education, an opportunity for them to be trained in something they can get a job in," Daley said.

And that vision soon will some to fruition.

We offer congratulations to Daley and everybody else responsible for filling an educational void in our back yard.

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Democrats hugely outvoting GOP

Morton **KONDRACKE**

After Super Tuesday, Sen. John McCain has every right to declare himself the Republican presidential frontrunner, but he has miles to go in getting himself and his party in shape to face his Democratic opponent.

One measure of his task is that more than 14.6 million Democrats went to the polls on Tuesday and only 9 million Republicans — indicating a vast enthusiasm gap between the parties.

McCain polls reasonably well against both Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama, but they have a sagging economy and a massive national desire for change going for them in addition to the energetic desire among Democrats to get the White House back.

Which Democrat will win is anybody's guess. Clinton held a 79-delegate lead over Obama, 1,012-933, according to RealClearPolitics.com's tally on Wednesday, but both are a long way from the 2,025 needed to wrap up the Democratic nomination.

By my count, Clinton outpolled Obama in the popular vote on Super Tuesday by fewer than 100,000 votes nationwide — 7,348,102 for her and 7,277,687 for him. In all the primaries up to now, excluding Michigan, where he was not on the ballot, she leads with 8,463,780 votes to his 8,263,662.

Clinton can claim it as a success that she stopped what was perceived to be a surge to Obama by winning in California, New Jersey and Sen. Edward Kennedy's Massachusetts on Tuesday, but he won more states, 13 to her 8.

Clinton aides say that the Massachusetts victory was especially sweet, following on Kennedy's endorsement of Obama. "We wanted to sock him in the nose," one aide said.

Going forward, I'd say that demographics still favor her. There simply are more voters in her base — women, non-college graduates, whites and lower-income Americans and self-declared Democrats — than there are in his base among African-Americans, the well-off and well-educated, and independents.

In California, for instance, women made up 55 percent of the electorate and she carried them, 59 percent to 34 percent, according to exit polls. The two tied among males. Obama carried white males, 52-34, but her lead among white women gave her a narrow overall lead among whites. And she carried Hispanics by 69 percent to 29 percent.

On the other hand, demographics isn't everything. Obama has poetry going for him — freshness, the themes of hope, change and renewal — against her more prosaic assets, including policy expertise and the loyalty of organization politicians.

Meantime, McCain is in a much more advantageous position among Republicans — and some GOP pros are urging that he take advantage of his position to put the wobbly party back in shape to compete in the general election.

McCain has 697 of the 1,191 delegates needed to clinch the GOP nomination to just 244 for former Massachusetts governor (and ex-candidate) Mitt Romney and 187 for former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

On Super Tuesday, McCain racked up 3,594,380 popular votes to Romney's 2,950,047 and Huckabee's 1,782,840 and won nine states, including the biggest, to Romney's six, mainly in the Mountain West and Huckabee's five, all in the South.

It's been an amazing comeback for the maverick senator. On the basis of his second-place finish in 2000, he was the early-on primogeniture or next-in-line, favorite for the 2008 nomination, then fell to the bottom over his courageous sponsorship of immigration reform and mismanagement of his campaign.

He has fought back — aided by U.S. successes in Iraq and the fact that the conservative movement that's dominated the GOP since 1980 could not rally behind a single alternative candidate. McCain slipped by them all.

On Feb. 7, Romney's camp announced he was bowing out. Huckabee is vowing not to quit, but the handwriting seems to be on the wall. McCain has got to figure out how to get him to admit the fact gracefully and rally behind him.

McCain scores well in head-to-head matchups against both Clinton and Obama — leading her 46.3 to 44.5 and trailing him by 45.1 to 44.4 in RealClearPolitics polling averages — but those numbers belie huge Democratic advantages heading into the general election.

In all the primaries held so far, just the three top Democratic contestants — Clinton, Obama and former Sen. John Edwards — amassed 25 million votes, compared with 12.5 million for six Republican candidates.

Moreover, McCain has yet to convince conservatives, especially the most vocal conservatives, that he is one of them. He has fallen short of a plurality of self-identified conservatives in virtually every primary, relying on moderates to carry him to victory. Often, he has lost among Republicans, winning only independents.

How to recoup? One GOP activist, Bradley Blakeman, a former aide in both Bush White Houses and now CEO of the conservative group Freedom's Watch, says that McCain's speech today at the Conservative Political Action Conference will be crucial.

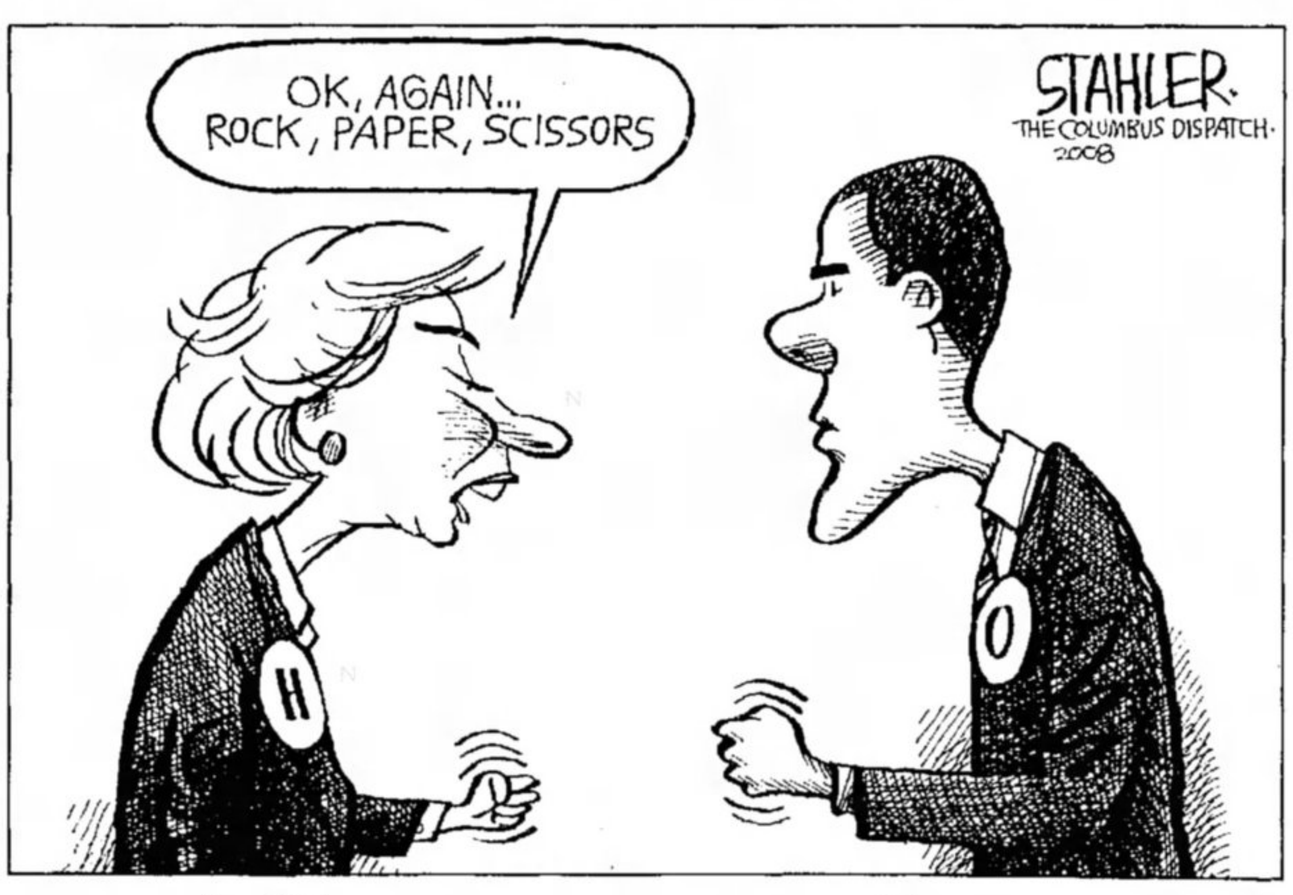
But Blakeman also advises to win over Huckabee and Romney with honored positions at the GOP convention. He also thinks McCain should name a vice presidential running mate early.

His recommendation is former Rep. Rob Portman (Ohio), who's "young and dynamic" and has held two Cabinet jobs, or Florida Gov. Charlie Crist. Either could help win a large swing state.

McCain should "act like a nominee" even before wrapping up the nomination — "but do so diplomatically, not arrogantly." It might help if a senior Republican like former party Chairman Haley Barbour, now governor of Mississippi, convened a "come to Jesus" meeting of party leaders to make peace and reconcile recalcitrants to McCain.

Blakeman also told me that McCain should "get back to work" on Capitol Hill and take a visible role in solving problems and convene his top economic advisers to make recommendations for dealing with the current downturn.

"He ought to take advantage of the fact that Clinton and Obama will be absent and battling it out," Blakeman said. But this assumes that McCain can get Republicans to stop battling among themselves.



Allenport plant is worth saving

YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

The Allenport facility has for years and years provided good jobs for many families in the Mon Valley area and in return for those good jobs, the workers provided a good product for the company.

As past president of Local 1187 for four terms, I watched as we, the workers, gave the company anything they asked for in order to keep our facility in the Mon Valley. There wasn't anything the workers wouldn't do - nothing. We gave and gave and gave. Was it popular? No it was not, but we at least saved the jobs.

Now you read in the news articles about a possible shutdown and you hear on the street from workers the stress they are going through and their families. This is wrong, wrong, wrong, to put the workers and their families through this. Allenport is a plant worth saving.

What can we do? We can sit back and do nothing and if this does happen we can then say why didn't I do something? Regardless when we left the Allenport Plant we still have our allegiance to that plant and rightfully so.

As the saying goes there is sometimes action with numbers, or the squeaky part gets the grease. I personally could not live with myself if I just sat back and did nothing. I don't want to step on the toes of the local union and I won't do that, but we must do something.

In my opinion we need a proclamation titled "Citizens to Save the Allenport Plant." We must have every borough council, clergy, labor councils, businesses, school boards, our county commissioners, all organizations, California University, Mon Valley Hospital, the governor, the legislature, etc. Our jobs are worth saving, our families our worth saving, our tax base is worth saving. The impact of a shutdown of our beloved plant would be devastating.

Galvie Gardner
California

Dimensions in Performance Awards

Four to be honored at MVH Gala

Brandon, Hewie, Holets and Ballon to be recognized at May 17 event.

Recognition of four individuals with Dimensions In Performance awards will highlight Monongahela Valley Hospital's 20th annual Gala.

The event, sponsored by the Mon-Vale Health Resources Fund Development Committee, will be held May 17 at the Westin Convention Center and Hotel in Pittsburgh. "Pirates Of The Mon" will be the theme, and the event will feature entertainment by Pure Gold.

The 2008 recipients of the Dimensions In Performance honors are:

■ Rose Award for Dimensions In Philanthropy – Dr. John M. Brandon.

Brandon, a physician for nearly 52 years, served as medical director of the laboratory at Monongahela Valley Hospital from 1971 to 1994. He is an emeritus member of the MVH medical staff. The Rose Award is a tribute to Brandon for his many years of major benevolence to fund-raising efforts by Mon-Vale Health Resources Inc., parent company of Monongahela Valley Hospital. It also recognizes his commitment to the medical profession and his fellow physicians. Most recently, Brandon, a pathologist, donated his personal collection of anatomy texts to the Laurel Highlands Consortium, an organization serving physicians throughout the region including those on staff at Monongahela Valley Hospital. The Rose Award is presented in honor of Rose Sweeney Melenyzer, a longtime benefactor of the health system and other community causes.

■ Pallone Award for Dimensions In Board Leadership – Dr. S.P. Hewie, a member of the health system's boards for nearly 12 years.

She was elected to the Board of Directors of Mon-Vale Health Resources Inc. in 1996 and was elected to the Monongahela Valley Hospital Board of Trustees in 1997.

Hewie, an anesthesiologist and a partner in Mon Valley Anesthesia Associates, which provides anesthesiology service to the hospital, also serves as chairwoman of the MVHR Fund Development Committee. She has been a member of the MVH medical staff since 1985. The award was created as a memorial to the late Dr. Joseph J. Pallone, who served as a trustee on the hospital board from 1964 to 1985 and who also served on the MVHR board from its inception in 1982 until 1985. He was president of both boards at the time of his death in 1985.

■ Sickman-Levin Award for Dimensions In Medicine – Dr. John A. Holets, a physician since June 1982.

He joined the medical staff at Monongahela Valley Hospital in 1985 and has been active as a member and officer of the group's executive committee for many years. He has been a member of Vale-U-Health, the Monongahela Valley Physician Hospital Organization, since 2001 and currently serves as treasurer of its board of directors. Specializing in family medicine, Holets is in partnership with John C. Eisley, at Monview Family Medical Center in Monongahela. He received his medical degree from Temple University in June 1982, completed his internship and residency at Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown. He is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice. The award was established to honor the health system's physicians and as a memorial to the late Drs. Albert S. Sickman and Herbert J. Levin for their many outstanding contributions to health care in the mid-Monongahela Valley.

■ The Gibbons Award for Dimensons In Service for the Health, Social and Civic Well-Being of Area Residents – Patrick T. Ballon, of Hiller.

He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Mon-Vale Health Resources Inc., parent company of Monongahela Valley Hospital, Inc., since 2001. A businessman in the Brownsville area since 1970 and owner of Brownsville Hardware since 1974, he has been active with numerous community organizations and programs for many years.

He served with the Hiller Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years, including 10 years as chief, and also with the Hiller Ambulance Service for 30 years. In addition, he has been actively involved with such organizations as Boy Scouts of America, Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, the Fayette County Firemen's Association, the Luzerne Township Sewage Authority and the Fayette County Area Vocational-Technical School Authority, among others. He also has been a member and officer of several professional organizations. The award was created as a memorial to Eugene Gibbons, whose legacy to the commitment of health care spanned 55 years as an officer and member of the board.

Dimensions In Performance awards were created in 1988 to recognize outstanding achievements to Monongahela Valley Hospital and the health system at large. They symbolize the multi-dimensional talents of special friends, benefactors and members of Team MVH who have distinguished themselves in the areas of philanthropy, board leadership, medicine, and civic well-being.

"We are very pleased to honor Drs. Brandon, Hewie and Holets and Mr. Ballon for their commitment to our health system's goals and ideals," said Louis J. Panza Jr., president and chief executive officer of Monongahela Valley Hospital. "They truly epitomize all of the qualities symbolized in the awards they will receive."

Gala 20, which is open to the public, will begin with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception 6 p.m. Dinner will begin 7 p.m. in the Allegheny Ballroom at the Westin will be followed by dancing to the music of Pure Gold. Tickets are $150 per person and tables of 10 are available.

For more information, contact Kimberly Quinn at (724) 258-1097.

Age 100 more attainable than ever

Aggressive treatment helps even some with chronic disease reach century mark.

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Living to 100 is easier than you might think.

Surprising new research suggests that even people who develop heart disease or diabetes late in life have a decent shot at reaching the century mark.

"It has been generally assumed that living to 100 years of age was limited to those who had not developed chronic illness," said Dr. William Hall of the University of Rochester.

Hall has a theory for how these people could live to that age. In an editorial in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine, where the study was published, he writes that it might be thanks to doctors who aggressively treat these older folks' health problems, rather than taking an "ageist" approach that assumes they wouldn't benefit.

For the study, Boston University researchers did phone interviews and health assessments of more than 500 women and 200 men who had reached 100. They found that roughly two-thirds of them had avoided significant age-related ailments.

But the rest, dubbed "survivors," had developed an age-related disease before reaching 85, including high blood pressure, heart disease or diabetes. Yet many functioned remarkably well — nearly as well as their disease-free peers.

Associated Press

Rosa McGee, 104, sits inside her daughter's Chicago apartment.

Overall, the men were functioning better than the women. Nearly three-fourths of the male survivors could bathe and dress themselves, while only about one-third of the women could.

The researchers think that may be because the men had to be in exceptional condition to reach 100. "Women, on the other hand, may be better physically and socially adept at living with chronic and often disabling conditions," wrote lead author Dr. Dellara Terry and her colleagues.

Rosa McGee is one of the healthy women in the study who managed to avoid chronic disease. Now 104, the retired cook and seamstress is also strikingly lucid.

"My living habits are beautiful," McGee said in an interview at her daughter's Chicago apartment. "I don't take any medicines. I don't smoke and I don't drink. Never did anything like that."

Until late 2006, when she fell in her St. Louis home, McGee lived alone and took care of herself. Now in Chicago, she is less mobile but still takes walks a few times weekly down the apartment building hallways, with her daughter's help.

McGee credits her faith in God for her good health. She also gets lots of medical attention — a doctor and nurse make home visits regularly.

Genes surely contributed — McGee's maternal grandparents lived to age 100 and 107.

But while genes are important, scientists don't think they tell the whole story about longevity.

A second, larger study of men in their 70s found that those who avoided smoking, obesity, inactivity, diabetes and high blood pressure greatly improved their chances of living into their 90s. In fact, they had a 54 percent chance of living that long.

Their survival decreased with each risk factor, and those with all five had only a 4 percent chance of living into their 90s, according to Harvard researchers.

Those who managed to avoid lifestyle-related ailments also increased their chances of functioning well physically and mentally two decades later.

The study followed 2,357 men for about 25 years or until death, starting in their early 70s. About 40 percent survived to at least age 90. Among survivors, 24 percent had none of the five risk factors.

"It's not just luck, it's not just genetics. ... It's lifestyle" that seems to make a big difference, said lead author Dr. Laurel Yates of Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital.

"It's get your shoes on, get out there, and do some exercise," she said. "These are some things you can do" to increase the chances of a long life.

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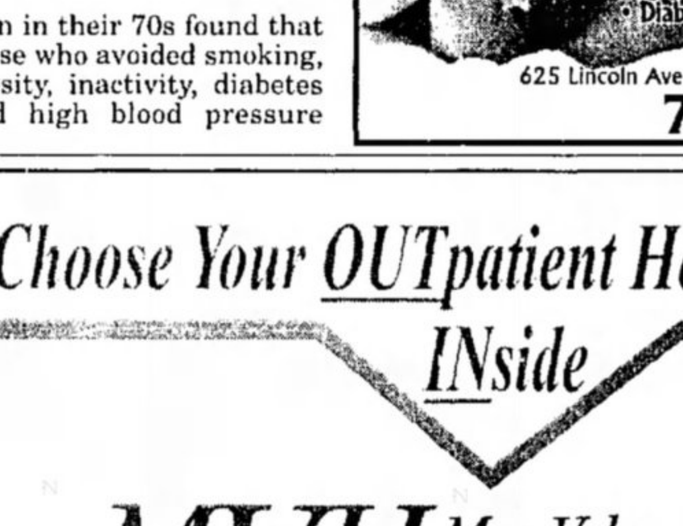

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■ Feb. 18 - Breastfeeding Support Group, 6:30 p.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township. The support group is free and open to all women interested in breast-feeding their newborn infant. For more information, call (724) 258-BABY (2229).

■ Feb. 19, 20, 21 - Managing Your Diabetes, 6 p.m., Center for Fitness and Health, Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township. 3-day, 2 hour per day education series that focuses on diabetes self-management and care. Registration is required prior to the start of classes. For more information or to register, call (724) 258-1483.

■ Feb. 20 - Arthritis Support Group, 1 p.m., Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center. The Arthritis Support Group is free and open to all persons with arthritis or related illnesses and their families. For more information, call (724) 258-1321.

TV LISTINGS

Middle-schooler being bullied must seek out trusted adult

Dear ABBY

INDIANA

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Hurt in Ohio" (Dec. 8), the 13-year-old girl who is being bullied, was deeply affecting. I have been a middle-school teacher for 10 years. I have seen what bullying can do to kids.

I'm proud that "Hurt" told her parents, but because that hasn't helped her, please tell her to find an adult at school whom she trusts and tell that adult what is happening. If she hasn't gotten a response within 24 hours, she should go to another adult, and another and another until someone listens.

And please, Abby, remind parents that ignoring the problem does not make it go away; it only makes it worse. Middle-school kids are especially vulnerable to bullying, and it must be stopped. — **MIDDLE-SCHOOL TEACHER IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS**

DEAR MIDDLE-SCHOOL TEACHER: I advised "Hurt" to have her parents accompany her to discuss the situation with her counselor and the principal.

However, it has been pointed out to me that being the victim of bullying sometimes happens to multiple generations in families in which the parents are extremely passive and tolerated it, and are unable to teach their children to be assertive.

Fortunately, more help is available for victims of bullying — and my readers, in addition to sharing their personal experiences, generously offered resources to combat it. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Please tell your readers that our federal government is concerned about bullying, because bullying increases school absenteeism and drop-out rates and can cause significant, long-lasting difficulties for victims.

As part of its anti-bullying campaign, the Health Resource Services Administration has an informative and user-friendly Web site: www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov. This site has sections for parents, school professionals and students.

Bullying is a national problem. We must work together to end this preventable injury. — **PEDIATRIC CHAPLAIN, ARLINGTON, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: Allow me to suggest to "Hurt in Ohio," or anyone who is concerned about bullying in our schools, a Web site called www.safeschools.com. — **ANN IN FARMINGTON, N.M.**

DEAR ABBY: "Hurt," who wrote about being bullied, as well as her parents, should explore the materials on the Southern Poverty Law Center's Tolerance Web site, www.tolerance.org, and direct the staff at her school there as well.

A search on "bullying booklet" will provide hundreds of references for use. The materials are free to educators and are in use in thousands of schools.

Every school and every person being bullied would benefit from SPLC's products. After all, bullying and ostracism have figured in school shootings and in many student suicides.

There is also excellent anti-bias material that has been used with great success in schools with problems similar to the recent one in Jena, La., heading off sad incidents like theirs. — **S.T.M., VERO BEACH, FLA.**

DEAR ABBY: "Hurt in Ohio" mentioned that her friends won't stand up for her because they "like" the jocks who are tormenting her.

Well, someone should inform her that those kids are not her "friends." On the contrary, they are enablers.

Bullies love an audience, and silence indicates approval.

The answer is to teach students that not only schools, but they themselves should have zero tolerance for abusers. — **HENRY IN LITHICUM, MD.**

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(3) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ Magazine	Nova Prototypes of the Almaz military space stations. (N)		The Mormons Themes of modern LDS Church include missionary work.				Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ Magazine	Tavis Smiley Laura Flanders,		Antiques Roadshow "Orlando, Florida"		The Mormons Mormon past, science, doctrines.
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Reaper "Leon"		One Tree Hill "In da Club" (N)		The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Street Patrol	Street Patrol	Jail (N)	Jail	TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		7th St. Theater	Way Of Master	F4 Generation	Today God	Day-Discovery	Quick Study	CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts		Way Of Master	Focus 4		Gaither Homecoming Hour	
(59) WBGN	Temptation (N)	Temptation	Degrassi: Next	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	★★½ China Moon (1994)				Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Bunk"		The First 48 "Torched"		The First 48		Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	The First 48 "Torched"		The First 48		Parking Wars	Parking Wars
ABCFAM	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Wildfire "Flames"		Paid	Paid	Precious in His Sight	
AMC	★★ Species (1995)				★★★½ The Matrix (1999) A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.						★★★½ The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951)				★★ Below (2002)			
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Awesome Pawsome		Saving a Species		Investigation Earth		Conservation Nation		Saving a Species		Investigation Earth		Conservation Nation		Awesome Pawsome	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Last Restaurant Standing (N)				BBC World News America		Last Restaurant Standing				Last Restaurant Standing			
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Cassie. (N)		Access		★★ Boomerang (1992) Premiere.				Top 25 Heartaches		Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	★★ Boomerang (1992)			
BRAVO	Lipstick Jungle "Pilot"		The Millionaire Matchmaker		The Millionaire Matchmaker		The Millionaire Matchmaker		The Millionaire Matchmaker (N)		The Millionaire Matchmaker		Project Runway		The Millionaire Matchmaker		The Millionaire Matchmaker	
CMT	Trick My Truck	Trick My Truck	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Gone Country		Gone Country	Gone Country	Online Awards	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Deal or No Deal		Swoosh! Inside Nike (N)		Mad Money		Deal or No Deal		Swoosh! Inside Nike		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★½ Monkeybone (2001)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Futurama	South Park	Rodney Carrington		Daily Show	Colbert Report	Rodney Carrington		Daily Show	Colbert Report	★½ Monkeybone (2001)	
CSPAN	House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Dirty Jobs "Cranberry Farmer"		Dirty Jobs (N)		Some Assembly Required (N)		MythBusters		Dirty Jobs "Cranberry Farmer"		Dirty Jobs		Some Assembly Required	
DISNEY	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	★★½ Johnny Tsunami (1999)				That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	American Drgn	Buzz Lightyear	Timon-Pumbaa
E!	A. Winehouse	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	What Is Sexy? 2008		The Soup	Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	E! News	Chelsea Lately	The Daily 10	Match	Girl Next Door	What Is Sexy? 2008		Chelsea Lately
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Michigan State at Purdue.				College Basketball Kentucky at Vanderbilt.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	Gamenight	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Stump-Schwab	Stump-Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing	Boxing	On the Auction Block (N)		On the Auction Block (N)		Bull Riding: PRCA Xtreme		The Contender		UWF Wrestling	UWF Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	NASCAR Now		NBA Coast-to-Coast		College Basketball North Carolina at Virginia.				Gamenight	Billiards: Trick	Billiards: Trick Shot Magic		NASCAR Now		Formula D Drifting		Winter X-Games	
EWTN	Choices-Face	Maronite Tri.	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Religious	Holy Rosary	Threshold of Hope		Preview	Catholic	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Threshold of Hope	
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live		Good Eats	Good Eats	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Ace of Cakes	A Cook's Tour	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Ace of Cakes	A Cook's Tour	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat	College Basketball Providence at Pittsburgh.					FSN Live	Panthers	Final Score	Best Damn Dog Show		Final Score	Best Damn Dog Show		Penguins	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★ The Punisher (2004)				★★★ X-Men (2000)				Nip/Tuck "August Walden" (N)		Nip/Tuck "August Walden"		'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid	Guthy-Renker
GOLF	Golf Academy	Inside PGA	Play Lessons	Road Trip (N)	The Approach	Golf Central	Big Break: Mesquite		Big Break: Mesquite		Top 10 (N)	Golf Central	Big Break: Mesquite		Inside PGA	Road Trip	The Approach	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	How Much	Chain Reaction	Lingo	Whammy	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Just Desserts (2004)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Small Space	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed-Sell	My Kitchen	Desperate Sp.	Open House	House Hunters	Secrets Sell	House Worth?	Hid Potential	Designed-Sell	My Kitchen	Desperate Sp.	Open House	House Hunters	Secrets Sell
HIST	Ancient Discoveries		Modern Marvels "Cold Cuts"		The Universe "Astrobiology"		The Universe "Supernovas" (N)		Mega Disasters		Hooked: Illegal Drugs		The Universe "Astrobiology"		The Universe "Supernovas"		Mega Disasters	
LIFE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Primary Coverage												Primary Coverage				Primary Coverage	
MTV	America's Best Dance Crew		Real World-Road Rules		True Life Panic disorder.		True Life Striving for perfection.		Life of Ryan	Rob & Big (N)	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Rob & Big	Life of Ryan	Real World-Road Rules	
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Roseanne	Roseanne
OXY	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Bad Girls Club	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Abbey	Bad Girls Club	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Bad Girls Club	The Tyra Banks Show	
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs														Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Scary But True	Scary But True	Scariest Places on Earth		Scariest Places on Earth		ECW		★★½ Appleseed (2004) Premiere.			Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "The Unnatural"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: NY "Heroes"		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Star Trek: Voyager		Blade: The Series	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Office	The Office	10 Items-Less	Sex and City	Sex and City	10 Items-Less	Puppet Up! Uncensored		10 Items-Less	★★★ Tin
TCM	★★★½ A Thousand Clowns (1965)				★★★½ Caesar and Cleopatra (1946) Premiere.					★★★★ The Red Shoes (1948) A ballerina dons magical, cursed shoes.					★★★ The Pirate (1948)			Yankee Doodle
TLC	Property Ladder		Flip That House		Really Reckless Drivers		LA Ink	LA Ink	LA Ink "Skate Ramp" (N)		LA Ink "Skate Ramp"		LA Ink	LA Ink	Really Reckless Drivers		Flip That House	
TNT	Law & Order "Prejudice"		Law & Order "Tombstone"		Law & Order "Fidency"		Law & Order "Release"		Bones "A Boy in a Tree"		Cold Case "A Time to Hate"		Without a Trace "Copy Cat"		Without a Trace		Without a Trace "A Tree Falls"	
TOON	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Gym Partner	Johnny Test	Grim Advent.	Courage-Dog	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Family Guy	Robot Chicken	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	America's Orient Express		Top Ten Hawaiian Beaches		Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Top Ten Hawaiian Beaches		Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern	
TRUTV	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Most Shocking		Real Hustle	Real Hustle	The Investigators		Cops	Cops	Most Shocking		Real Hustle	Real Hustle
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Just Shoot Me	Just Shoot Me	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford & Son	The Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show From Madison Square Garden in New York						Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		★★ Beethoven's 5th (2003)			
VH1	Salt N Pepa	Salt N Pepa	The Flavor of Love		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		My Fair Brady	Scott Baio	The Flavor of Love		Salt N Pepa	Rags, Riches	Storytellers Jay-Z.	
VS.	NHL Hockey: Coyotes at Stars		NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at New York Islanders.					NHL Hockey Anaheim Ducks at Colorado Avalanche.					Hockey	World Extreme Cagefighting				Holy ...!
WE	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Celebrity Wedding Gowns		Plat. Weddings	Plat. Weddings	Plat. Weddings	Plat. Weddings	Bridezillas		Bridezillas		Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	★★½ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006)		★★½ Mystery Men (1999)						★★★ The Hand That Rocks the Cradle (1992)				★★★ Cujo (1983)			★★½ For the Boys (1991)		
HBO	Fast and Furious-Drift		★★½ The Last Mimzy (2007)			Semi-Pro: 1st	In Treatment	In Treatment	Bernard and Doris (2008)			Baghdad Hospital: Inside	★★½ Alpha Dog (2006)				The Wire	
MAX	16 Blocks	★★½ X-Men: The Last Stand (2006)			★★ Practical Magic (1998)				★★ Lethal Weapon 4 (1998)				Passion Cove	Passion Cove	★★½ X-Men: The Last Stand (2006)			
SHOW	★★½ The Mirror Has Two Faces (1996)		★★ Yours, Mine & Ours (2005)				The L Word		★★½ Jackass: Number Two (2006)		★★½ Dirty (2005)				★★ Get Rich or Die Tryin' (2005)			
STARZ	★★ The Shaggy Dog (2006)		★★½ Open Season (2006)				★½ Are We Done Yet? (2007)			★★★ Glory Road (2006)			★★ Stay Alive (2006)				★★ Neverwas (2005)	
TMC	★★★ Off the Black (2006)				★★½ Ask the Dust (2006)				★★ The Story of Us (1999)		★★ The Girl on a Motorcycle (1968)				★★★ Mission: Impossible III (2006)			

Big Tuna cuts some fish

Veteran quarterback Trent Green is among nine players cut by the Miami Dolphins Monday.
2B

Valley SPORTS

Pens' Russian Lemieux?

Evgeni Malkin not only looks like a younger version of the team's legend, he also knows how to treat the owner.
2B

Heat is on Rocket

Roger Clemens and his former trainer, Brian McNamee, will be the main witnesses at a House hearing on the Mitchell Report.
2B

Sports Trivia

Who was the only Pitt men's basketball player to be a first team All-American as a freshman? 2B

Last night's scores

Cleveland 118, Orlando 111
Philadelphia 84, Dallas 76
San Antonio 93, Toronto 88
L.A. Lakers 106, Charlotte 97
L.A. Clippers 96, Milwaukee 89
Houston 95, Portland 83
Golden State 120, Washington 117

Brian **HERMAN**

Monessen boys to remain in Class AA

Forget about the Monessen High boys' basketball team returning to the Class A ranks for at least the next two seasons.

Even though the Greyhounds are in their second year as one of the smaller Class AA schools and can drop down to Class A the next two campaigns, they won't.

It's coach Joe Salvino's decision to remain in the WPIAL's largest field.

"With the players we have coming up, I think we'll be able to compete at that level," said Salvino. "And it's also a challenge for me to play bigger schools."

The Greyhounds have won 38 of 50 games after moving up in class and are an impressive 25-3 in section play with one title and a second place finish. All of their section losses were to Washington.

Monessen has a strong nucleus returning, headed by juniors Delmar Pritchett, Matt Wall and Kevin Parker, sophomore David Jeffries and freshman Terrance Stepoli.

Stepoli has already scored 306 points and with three seasons remaining as well as this year's playoffs could end up the school's all-time leading scorer.

Ironically, A.J. Jackson - who tops the Monessen points list with 1,757 - is Stepoli's cousin.

The Greyhounds also could benefit from players from the ninth grade team, which went 19-3 this season.

Monessen could also be getting two new area section rivals with California and Frazier both moving up to Class AA.

■Isn't it nice to know that the unbeaten Monessen girls and California boys will be in a WPIAL basketball playoff doubleheader at Charleroi for the second straight Friday this week?

The Lady Greyhounds face Geibel at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Trojans against Bentworth at 8 p.m.

Both contests are rematches. Monessen beat the Lady Gators, 47-31, at home three days before Christmas while California and Bentworth split non-section contests.

Bentworth downed Cal, 75-58, at the Charleroi holiday tourney three days after Christmas with the Trojans getting even, 50-45, at home two weeks ago.

■In case you're wondering, Monessen, Ringgold, Belle Vernon Area and California were among 54 schools to put both of their teams in this year's playoffs.

This year's WPIAL tourney started with 158 teams, an increase of 44 from the previous season.

Thirty-four of the playoff teams had losing records with the worst belonging to Trinity Christian (3-16) and Eldeton (5-19) among the boys and Belle Vernon Area (6-18) and Keystone Oaks (6-16) among the girls.

And thanks to Dennis Neupaver of Rostraver Township, who says you're never too old to learn - and what you learn is what makes you old!

Salvino hopes history repeats

Monessen's last trip to West Allegheny was during a WPIAL championship run.

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Monessen High boys' basketball coach Joe Salvino wouldn't mind seeing history repeat.

His Greyhounds (18-5) go to West Allegheny Thursday to face Ford City (at 8 p.m.) in a first round WPIAL Class AA playoff game. the game was originally scheduled for tonight, but was pushed back due to the weather.

The last time Monessen made the trip to Imperial seven years ago, the Greyhounds beat Rochester, 71-56, in the Class A semifinals.

The scenario, however, is a lot different today.

The 2001 Monessen team, which featured its top two all-time scoring leaders - Brandon Jackson and A.J. Jackson - was the top seed and went on to win the WPIAL title.

It also didn't hurt that the Monessen girls played in the first game of the doubleheader, also defeating Rochester.

This time the Greyhounds, in their second year in the Class AA ranks, are seeded sixth in a strong field headed by Beaver Falls, Jeannette, Aliquippa and North Catholic.

Unlike last year, however, Monessen enters as the Section 5 champion instead of runner-up to Washington.

Monessen's record is a little deceiving since the Greyhounds opened 0-3 minus several starters, including leading scorer 5-9 senior Tim Tyree (17.7).

Monessen's two losses in its last 20 games were at Class AAAA Upper St. Clair and at Washington.

The defeat at Washington snapped a nine-game winning streak.

While Ford City is coming off a 73-66 preliminary upset over Mohawk Saturday, Monessen will be playing for the first time since routing Brownsville, 88-38, 11 days ago.

Salvino isn't concerned with the time off, saying "The layoff wasn't that long. We took a couple of days off and scrimmaged Belle Vernon Area. Our kids are excited about the playoffs because there's a different atmosphere."

Monessen will have one change in the starting lineup since senior Roger Brandemarte has been sidelined with mononucleosis and could be out for two weeks. Brandemarte will be replaced by 6-0 junior Kevin Parker (8.2 ppg). Rounding out the starting five are 6-4 freshman Terrance Stepoli (13.3), 6-0 junior Delmar Pritchett (10.1) and 6-1 senior Jamont Minnie (3.8).

Matt Wall, a 6-1 junior, and 5-10 sophomore David Jeffries (12.5) give Salvino offense off the bench.

Ford City made the playoffs as the fourth place team in Section 1, finishing behind Jeannette, Greensburg Central and West Shamokin.

"They're more of a guard-oriented team," said Salvino, who watched the Sabres oust Mohawk.

Aaron Shriver, a 5-11 senior, and 5-11 junior Jordan Eckman led Ford City in its last win with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Tim Tyree

Doug Mientkiewicz

Pirates sign Mientkiewicz to minor deal

PITTSBURGH (AP) — First baseman Doug Mientkiewicz, who caught the final out in 2004 that gave the Boston Red Sox their first World Series championship in 86 years, agreed Monday to a minor league contract Monday with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Mientkiewicz would get a $750,000, one-year contract if added to the 40-man roster. The deal also includes $750,000 in performance bonuses.

Pittsburgh is looking for another bat off the bench after not bringing back first baseman Josh Phelps, who hit .351 in 29 games with the Pirates last season after also being picked up from the Yankees. Phelps was arbitration eligible and the Pirates did not offer him a new contract, and he signed with St. Louis.

The 33-year-old Mientkiewicz missed more than half of last season for the Yankees with a broken right wrist suffered when he collided with Boston's Mike Lowell.

Mientkiewicz hit .277 with five home runs and 24 RBIs in 72 games last season. He has a .271 career average with 64 homers and 372 RBIs in 942 games with Minnesota, Boston, the New York Mets, Kansas City and the Yankees.

Mientkiewicz initially retained the ball he caught to end the 2004 Series, but the Red Sox also wanted it and the dispute over the ball's ownership eventually resulted in a lawsuit. The disagreement ended when the ball was donated to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The bonus clauses in Mientkiewicz's contract include $25,000 each for 70 and 80 games, $50,000 each for 90, 100 and 110 games and $75,000 each for 120 and 130 games. He would also make $50,000 each for 275, 300 and 350 plate appearances, $75,000 each for 400 and 450 plate appearances and $100,000 for 500 plate appearances.

Ringgold led by young 'vets'

Lady Rams don't start a senior, but there is plenty of experience from last year's playoff team.

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Ringgold may be the only Class AAA girls' team left in the WPIAL basketball playoffs that doesn't have a senior in the starting lineup.

It doesn't faze the Lady Rams' coach Joe Ravasio going into Ringgold's first round playoff game with Blackhawk (16-9).

The game will be played at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Canon-McMillan.

The reason is that three of his starters - 5-11 junior Emily Schartner, 5-4 junior Jennifer Affinito and 5-10 sophomore Alina Selby - were key players on last year's team, which won 19 games before losing in the last 10 seconds to District 6 champion Lewistown at State College High in the first round of the PIAA playoffs.

> "We're in it for the long haul. We were battle tested last year and have almost the same team back."
>
> Ringgold coach Joe Ravasio

"Being in the playoffs last year we have big goals set this season," said Ravasio, whose club (17-7) shared the Section 4 championship with Chartiers Valley.

"We're in it for the long haul," he added. "We were battle tested last year and have almost the same team back."

Schartner and Selby make up one of the WPIAL's premier one-two scoring punches.

Schartner averages 15 points with five rebounds, three assists and four steals a game while Selby scores at a 14.6 clip with nine rebounds, two assists and two steals a game.

Affinito is the team's playmaker with six points and almost the same numer of assists a game.

The other starters come from 5-7 sophomore Tabitha Leach and 5-10 sophomore Alana Resanovich with 5-8 junior Angelica Pantojas and 5-8 freshman Jamie Melzer the first players off the bench.

Leach averages five points and six rebounds as a first-year starter.

Ravasio watched Blackhawk eliminate Belle Vernon Area, 59-37, at Chartiers Valley.

"You have to stop their point guard, Bethany Deluca, and their best athlete is Krisa Franitti,' he said.

Franitti scored 21 points against the Lady Leps with Deluca adding 10.

"The key for us to is to contain those two and stay out of foul trouble," said Ravasio. "They're a good physical man-to-man team. They remind me a lot of Chartiers Valley and West Allegheny."

The Lady Cougars finished third to Hopewell and Ambridge in Section 2.

Both Ringgold and Blackhawk averaged 51 points and had nine point winning margins.

Steelers hooked on grass

Citing players' preference, team will stck with natural surface instead of artificial.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Heinz Field maintenance crew won't be throwing away those "Keep Off The Grass" signs after all.

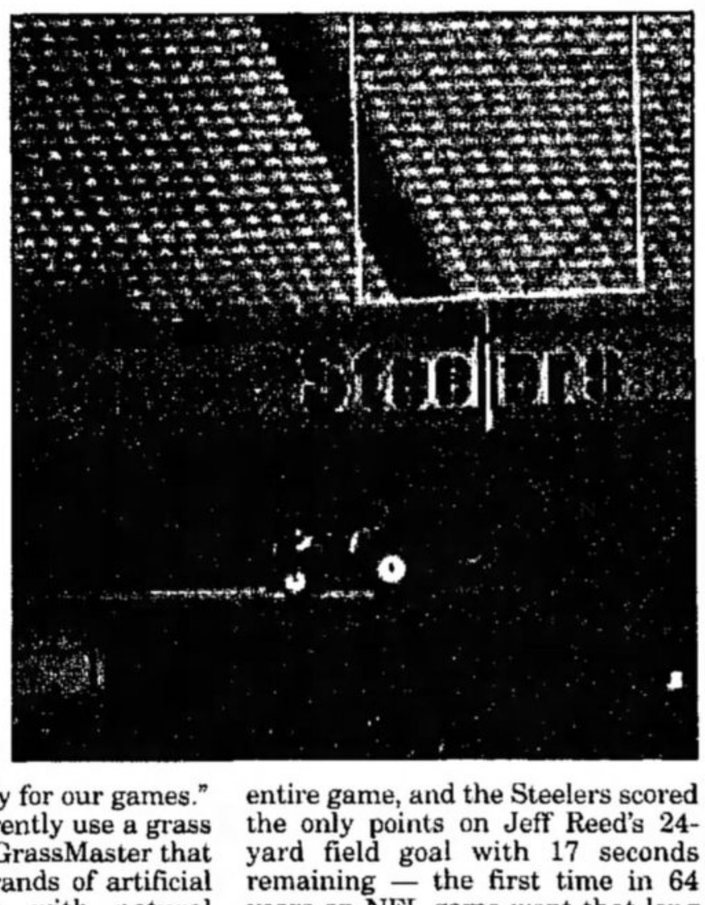
The Pittsburgh Steelers gave into their players' wishes and will keep their grass field, though it may not necessarily be the field that is currently in place.

While the Heinz Field surface is regularly rated by NFL players as one of the league's worst, a large number of Steelers players lobbied the team to keep the grass because they are convinced it reduces injuries.

"The majority of our players have told us that they prefer natural grass to any artificial surface," Steelers president Art Rooney II said in a statement issued Monday. "Grass is also the preference of our coaches and athletic staff. We discussed this with the University of Pittsburgh to make sure everyone is comfortable moving forward."

Pitt athletic director Steve Pederson also said the school favored grass. Pitt also plays its home games at Heinz Field, which opened in 2001.

"We have had in-depth conversations about the playing surface at Heinz Field since the completion of the season," Pederson said. "After the review, we all agreed that we are committed to a natural grass surface. We appreciate the great job the staff at Heinz Field has done to have the field ready for our games."



A tractor maintaining the grass at Heinz Field will be used again next season as the team has opted to stick with the natural surface.

The Steelers currently use a grass surface called DD GrassMaster that has reinforcing strands of artificial fibers interwoven with natural grass. The team has not said if it will keep that surface or put down a different type of grass.

The Steelers received considerable criticism after a newly installed layer of sod became swamped by unseasonably heavy rain during their Nov. 26 game against Miami. There was standing water several inches deep, resulting in a nearly unplayable surface.

Both offenses stalled nearly the entire game, and the Steelers scored the only points on Jeff Reed's 24-yard field goal with 17 seconds remaining — the first time in 64 years an NFL game went that long without any points.

After that game, the Steelers said they would study installing an artificial surface for the 2008 season. The stadium is used for an average of 22 games per game, including all home games by the Steelers and the University of Pittsburgh and at least five high school games.

However, Steelers running back

(See GRASS, Page 2B)

SPORTS

Lemieux 'cheers' rising star Malkin

Russian star looks more and more like young version of Pens' legend.

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On Sunday afternoon, about 20 minutes after Evgeni Malkin's latest virtuoso performance, Mario Lemieux walked into the Penguins dressing room cradling a white cardboard box in his left hand.

Lemieux gave Malkin a fist bump.

"Nice game, Geno," Lemieux said. "And thanks for the vodka."

See, Malkin isn't merely sprinting to the top of the NHL scoring chart, sparking the Penguins to big wins without Sidney Crosby and making a case for league MVP. He's also taking care of the team owner.

The young Russian ordered some of the good stuff -- straight from his homeland -- for Lemieux, who, like everyone else, was mesmerized by Malkin's latest magic show in a 4-3 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

"He's one of the best in the world," Lemieux said. "Since Sid went down, he's really picked up his game. He wants to be the go-to guy, and he's showing it on the ice.

"It's quite amazing."

With his parents, Vladimir and Natalia, watching from Lemieux's box at Mellon Arena, Malkin recorded his first four-point game of the season (goal, three assists) and third of his career.

On the morning of Jan. 19, the day after Crosby was injured, Malkin was 14th in the NHL scoring race with 52 points. Ten games and 21 points later, he is tied for second with 73 points, behind only countryman Alexander Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals, who has 76.

Evgeni Malkin

The Penguins are 6-2-2 without Crosby. Malkin has eight goals and 13 assists in that span, 15 points in the past five games.

After Sunday's victory, the following question made the rounds: Is Malkin more like a young Jaromir Jagr or a young Lemieux? Several veteran team observers weighed in, including Lemieux, who was asked if he sees a bit of himself in Malkin.

"Yes," Lemieux said, smiling. "He's 6-4. He's handling the puck pretty good. He wants the puck every night, every shift, and that's the sign of a great player."

The consensus was that Malkin, 21, indeed is more like the early Lemieux, before injuries forced him to change his game and before his body filled out.

True, Malkin dipsy-doodles and dominates the puck against heavy physical pressure like a young Jagr, but he's really not a bull. He's more like a horse, the way he gallops. Plus, his body type (a shade under 6-foot-4, plenty lean) and style rather evoke a young Lemieux.

Like Lemieux, Malkin swoops in on defenders. He is that rare combination of open-ice artist and sniper, a deadly mix of playmaker and goal scorer.

"He sees the ice so well, like Mario," said former Penguins coach and general manager Ed Johnston, who drafted Lemieux. "Mario had control of the game. He'd slow it down, then pick up guys coming late. Malkin does the same thing. He button-hooks and makes those plays."

One other ex-player's name came up: Vladimir Malkin, who played professionally for his hometown team in Magnitogorsk. The competition back then was equivalent to the low-level minors, but the elder Malkin, who stands well under 6 feet, apparently passed on some valuable gifts to his youngest son.

(See MALKIN, Page 3B)

Clemens in the spotlight in House steroids hearing

Rocket is set to testify before lawmakers.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now this much is undeniable: Roger Clemens and Brian McNamee will be the focus of Wednesday's congressional hearing about the Mitchell Report.

"I guess it's showtime, isn't it?" said Clemens' lead lawyer, Rusty Hardin.

Clemens, the accused, and McNamee, his accuser, will be the main witnesses at the public hearing after the New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte and two others were dropped Monday night.

Former Clemens teammate Chuck Knoblauch and convicted steroids distributor Kirk Radomski also were taken off the list of those testifying. One new witness was added Monday: a lawyer who worked with former Senate majority leader George Mitchell to produce December's report on drugs in baseball.

But everyone surely will be focusing on Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young Award winner, and McNamee, his former personal trainer. McNamee said in the Mitchell Report that he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone at least 16 times in 1998, 2000 and 2001. Clemens' denials of those allegations drew the attention of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Clemens — who ranks eighth in major league history with 354 wins — was to resume his face-to-face lobbying efforts of committee members Tuesday, after the panel's planned hearing entitled, "Myths and Facts about Human Growth Hormone, B12, and Other Substances."

The 45-year-old pitcher spoke with nearly half of the lawmakers on the committee during a two-day tour last week.

McNamee also accused Pettitte of using HGH — and Pettitte acknowledged he did for two days in 2002 to deal with an elbow injury. Before Pettitte spoke to committee lawyers under oath last week, one of McNamee's lawyers, Earl Ward, said he thought Pettitte would tell Congress he discussed HGH with Clemens between the 2001 and 2002 seasons.

With Monday's decision, Pettitte was spared the potentially difficult situation of having to deliver public testimony that could hurt the position of Clemens, a friend, past teammate and former workout partner. Portions of Pettitte's sworn deposition, though, may be read aloud at the hearing. And the committee's ranking Republican, Tom Davis of Virginia, said in an interview with Newsday that Pettitte's account matches McNamee's in most details.

Radomski — sentenced Friday to five years' probation after pleading guilty in April to distributing steroids and money laundering — has said he had no direct contact with Clemens. Knoblauch's knowledge appeared to be peripheral.

Pettitte gave his deposition Feb. 4, followed the next day by Clemens, and McNamee later in the week. Knoblauch, a four-time All-Star who played on the Yankees with Clemens and Pettitte and like them was named in the Mitchell Report, was interviewed by committee staff last month. Radomski had been scheduled for a pre-hearing interview with committee staff Tuesday.

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The Monessen Junior high basketball team won the section title with a 9-1 record and went 19-3 overall. Team members include: front row (left-to-right) Jeff Francia, Josh Jampedro, Devin Sanders, Coby Matush and Trae Cook and back row (l-r) Jalen Madison, Matt Francowic, Alonzo Payne, Cam Johnson, Josh Stepoli and coach Jim Stepoli. Missing from the picture are Ronnie Piasecki and Sam Dickerson.

SPORTS DIGEST

Indiana, Depretis strike Thunder

Ringgold High graduate Justin Depretis has had some big gmes against the Mon Valley Thunder this saeson in the Class A Mid-Atlantic Hockey League.

Depretis had another one Monday at the Ice Garden in the Indiana Ice Miners' 9-2 victory.

The league's top scorer, Depretis tallied four goals and an assist as the Ice Miners (31-1) upped their winning streak to 26.

Depretis has 58 goals and 35 assists for 93 points in 28 games. Against the Thunder, Depretis has 18 goals and 10 assists.

Darren Seid gave the Thunder (11-17-3) a short-lived 1-0 led at the 8:28 mark.

Depretis tied the score 1:56 later before Derek Porter put Indiana ahead to stay four minutes later.

Depretis then added a pair of goals in the second period with teammate Brad Townsend scoring to make it 6-1 before Josh Laliberte tallied the Thinder's other goal.

The Ice Miners closed the scoring with four goals in the final peiod with Kyle Bozoian getting two and Depretis and Jordan Blackone ech.

The Ice Miners outshot the Thunder, 35-22.

The Thunder resume Thursday at Wooster.

Monessen ticket sale Wednesday

Tickets for the WPIAL Class A girl's basketball quarterfinal round game between Geibel and Monessen, set for 6:30 p.m. Friday at Charleroi Area High School, will be sold from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school athletic office.

Tickets will also be sold at that time for the Monessen boys' game at West Allegheny against Ford City which was moved to Thursday.

Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for students. Only adult tickets will be sold at the game site.

Monessen girls softball signups

Monessen girls' softball signups are scheduled Wednesday and Thurday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Civic Center for youngsters between the ages of sixc and 14.

Trivia answer

Charles Smith in 1985.

Vesta umpires meeting cancelled

Tonight's scheduled Vesta Chapter Baseball-Softball Umpires meeting has been cancelled becaue of the weather.

A mandatory PIAA rules interpretation meeting is scheduled next Tuesday at Bownsville High School.

The softball umpires will meet at 5:30 p.m. with baseball umpires meeting at 7 p.m.

Those wanting more information should call secretary-treasurer Budd Grebb (724-785-8962).

Did Rocker flunk ordered drug test?

ATLANTA (AP) — John Rocker claims he flunked a drug test ordered by Major League Baseball in 2000 and that he, Alex Rodriguez and other Texas Rangers were advised by management and union doctors following a spring training lecture on how to effectively use steroids.

Rocker was suspended for the first 14 days of the 2000 season by Selig for making racial and ethnic remarks the commissioner deemed insensitive. The penalty, originally set to cover 28 days, was reduced by an arbitrator following a grievance.

Green, Booker first Dolphins released

MIAMI (AP) — In the Miami Dolphins' first major player purge since Bill Parcells took charge of the football operations, the team parted ways with quarterback Trent Green, wide receiver Marty Booker and seven other players — ushering in the start of what's expected to be a massive offseason roster shakeup by the rebuilding franchise.

Other notable cuts by the Dolphins, who finished 1-15 last season, included tackle L.J. Shelton and massive defensive tackle Keith Traylor, both of whom were starters. Miami also waived tackle Anthony Alabi, defensive tackle Anthony Bryant, tackle Marion Dukes, defensive tackle Marquay Love and tackle Joe Toledo.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Yogi Jones became the first Ringgold gridder to sign with the University of Pittsbugh.

20 Years Ago

After winning the Class AAA Big 10 Conference title in 1977, Ringgold was moved up to the Quad A West with Trinity, North Hills, Mt. Lebanon, Shaler, Upper St. Clair, Baldwin, Bethel Park, Butler and North Allegheny.

Monessen and Mon Valley Catholic were switched from the Eastern Conference to the Tri-County South Conference with California, Avella, Carmichaels, Geibel, Jefferson Morgan, Mapletown and West Greene.

Frazier was moved up to the Class AA Century Conference with Charleroi, Bentworth, Beth-Center, Burgettstown, McGuffey, Peters Township, Washington and Waynesburg.

Charleroi clinched a playoff spot with a 54-42 win over Waynesburg behind Julie Claybaugh's 28 points.

Melissa Lazzari had 20 points in Ringgold's 44-36 victory over West Mifflin.

Tammy Rodriguez scored 13 points in Belle Vernon Area's 63-32 romp over Tri-Valley.

Holli Martos and Shauna DelVitto both had 21 points in Mon Valley Catholic's 95-24 rout of California.

Terri Kuvinka's 16 points were high in Monessen's 46-37 win over Beth-Center.

Grass (FROM PAGE ONE)

Willie Parker — the NFL's leading rusher at the time — broke his right leg while cutting on artificial turf Dec. 20 in St. Louis.

Without Parker, the Steelers had almost no running game while losing their final regular season game to Baltimore and their only playoff game, a last-minute 31-29 home-field loss to Jacksonville.

That injury may have swayed some in the Steelers' front office who were beginning to become convinced that, because of the heavy pounding the field takes each season, that switching to artificial turf would create a more uniform surface. It also would allow more non-football events to be held there each season.

But in a postseason interview with The Associated Press on Jan. 7, Steelers chairman Dan Rooney said the NFL was pleased with the grass surface for the playoff game.

"I think the grass held up really good," Rooney said.

Part of the Steelers' turf problems this past season resulted from rain or snow falling before or during each of their final four games.

After five high school and college games were played at Heinz Field in a 30-hour period Nov. 23-24, $150,000 worth of new sod was laid atop the permanent grass field within hours before the Dolphins-Steelers game.

But the new grass because inundated when 1 1/2 inches of rain fell before and during the Dolphins game, and the field did not drain as usual because there were two layers of sod — rather than the usual single layer — above the drainage system.

There was heavy rain again the following week for the Bengals-Steelers game, but the new sod held up much better. The field was criticized again by some Jacksonville players after about a half-inch of snow fell during the Jaguars' 29-22 regular-season win at Heinz Field on Dec. 16.

"That's a lawsuit waiting to happen," Jaguars running back Fred Taylor said.

However, once the field finally dried out during a two-week gap without games, conditions were much better for Jacksonville's return visit on Jan. 5, although light rain fell during that playoff game.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	32	19	5	69	167	152
New Jersey	31	21	4	66	147	134
Philadelphia	30	20	5	65	175	156
N.Y. Rangers	28	24	7	63	144	147
N.Y. Islanders	24	25	7	55	134	164

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	34	18	4	72	196	164
Montreal	29	18	9	67	176	160
Boston	28	22	5	61	145	150
Buffalo	26	21	8	60	165	156
Toronto	23	25	9	55	157	184

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	27	25	5	59	164	176
Atlanta	27	27	4	58	157	186
Carolina	27	27	4	58	168	185
Florida	26	27	5	57	158	166
Tampa Bay	23	27	6	52	161	185

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	41	12	5	87	192	126
Nashville	29	22	6	64	165	154
Columbus	26	23	9	61	141	148
St. Louis	24	22	8	56	138	157
Chicago	24	25	6	54	150	160

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	32	20	4	68	155	148
Colorado	30	21	5	65	162	154
Calgary	28	20	6	64	161	161
Vancouver	28	22	7	63	149	145
Edmonton	25	27	5	55	151	170

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	35	20	5	75	176	148
San Jose	31	17	7	69	146	133
Anaheim	31	22	7	69	148	150
Phoenix	28	25	4	60	155	159
Los Angeles	24	31	3	51	165	190

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Monday's Games

Dallas 2, Phoenix 1

Today's Games

Carolina at Boston, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Calgary at San Jose, 10:30 p.m

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	9	.813	—
Toronto	27	23	.540	13
New Jersey	22	29	.431	18 1/2
Philadelphia	22	30	.423	19
New York	15	36	.294	25 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	32	21	.604	—
Washington	24	27	.471	7
Atlanta	21	26	.447	8
Charlotte	18	34	.346	13 1/2
Miami	9	40	.184	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	37	13	.740	—
Cleveland	29	22	.569	8 1/2
Indiana	21	30	.412	16 1/2
Chicago	20	30	.400	17
Milwaukee	19	33	.365	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	34	15	.694	—
Dallas	34	17	.667	1
San Antonio	33	17	.660	1 1/2
Houston	31	20	.608	4
Memphis	13	37	.260	21 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	33	19	.635	—
Denver	31	19	.620	1
Portland	28	23	.549	4 1/2
Seattle	13	37	.260	19
Minnesota	10	39	.204	21 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	36	15	.706	—
L.A. Lakers	34	17	.667	2
Golden State	31	20	.608	5
Sacramento	23	26	.469	12
L.A. Clippers	17	32	.347	18

Monday's Games

ICleveland 118, Orlando 111
Philadelphia 84, Dallas 76
San Antonio 93, Toronto 88
L.A. Lakers 106, Charlotte 97
L.A. Clippers 96, Milwaukee 89
Houston 95, Portland 83
Golden State 120, Washington 117

Today's Games

Detroit at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	7	0	16	4
Edinboro	6	1	16	5
Indiana	4	2	12	9
Clarion	3	4	11	10
Slippery Rock	3	4	5	16
Lock Haven	1	6	1	20
Shippensburg	0	7	6	16

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	6	1	14	6
Kutztown	6	1	14	7
Millersville	5	2	16	6
Mansfield	3	4	15	7
East Stroudsburg	2	4	14	7
West Chester	2	5	12	11
Bloomsburg	0	7	8	13

Wednesday

Wayne State at California, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Clarion
Slippery Rock at Edinboro
Shippensburg at Lock Haven
Bloomsburg at Millersville
East Stroudsburg at Cheyney
Kutztown at Mansfield

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	5	1	20	2
Clarion	5	2	15	6
California	4	3	17	5
Shippensburg	4	3	16	6
Edinboro	3	4	13	8
Lock Haven	2	5	7	14
Slippery Rock	1	6	7	15

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	7	0	18	4
West Chester	5	2	13	8
Cheyney	4	3	8	13

Brad Wanamaker and the Pitt Panthers take on Providence in a Big East battle, 7:30 p.m., on Fox Sports Net.

East Stroudsburg	3	3	9	11
Kutztown	2	5	9	13
Bloomsburg	2	5	7	15
Mansfield	1	6	6	16

Monday

Cheyney 78, District of Columbia 74

Wednesday

Indiana at Clarion
Slippery Rock at Edinboro
Shippensburg at Lock Haven
Bloomsburg at Millersville
East Stroudsburg at Cheyney
Kutztown at Mansfield
West Chester at Columbia Union

Sports dial

Today

Television

7 p.m. - ESPN - Michigan State at Purdue, college basketball.
7 p.m. - Versus - Philadelphia at New York Islanders, hockey.
7:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Providence at Pitt, college basketball.
8 p.m. - ESPN2 - North Carolina at Virginia, college basketball.
9 p.m. - ESPN - Kentucky at Vanderbilt, college basketball.
9:30 p.m. - Versus - Anaheim at Colorado, hockey.

Radio

7:30 p.m. - WWSW (970), WBGG (970) - Providence at Pitt, college basketball.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	31	1	0	62
Wooster	14	14	2	30
Jamestown	13	18	0	26
Mon Valley	11	17	3	25
Valley Forge	8	19	2	18

Monday

Indiana 9, Mon Valley 2

Thursday

Mon Valley at Wooster (7 p.m.)
Valley Forge at Jamesstown

Friday

Valley Forge at Mon Valley (7:30 p.m.)
Jamestown at Indiana

Saturday

Jamestown at Mon Valley (7:30 p.m.)
Wooster at Indiana

College basketball

MEN

EAST

Albany, N.Y. 64, Vermont 61
Georgetown 55, Villanova 53
Wagner 82, Quinnipiac 70, OT

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 53, MVSU 52
Appalachian St. 83, Wofford 55
Bethune-Cookman 54, N. Carolina A&T 50
Coastal Carolina 65, Radford 61
Coppin St. 62, Winston-Salem 44
Delaware St. 81, Howard 55
Elon 65, The Citadel 51
Florida Atlantic 93, Longwood 69
Grambling St. 73, Alcorn St. 71
Jackson St. 85, Southern U. 71
Md.-Eastern Shore 68, Hampton 62
Mississippi 66, Presbyterian 55
Morgan St. 81, S. Carolina St. 55
Norfolk St. 77, Florida A&M 66
VMI 109, Charleston Southern 85

MIDWEST

Cleveland St. 81, Wis.-Green Bay 64
Ill. Chicago 77, Valparaiso 53

SOUTHWEST

Alabama St. 69, Ark.-Pine Bluff 51
Texas 72, Kansas 69

FAR WEST

Gonzaga 83, Loyola Marymount 50
Nevada 85, Utah St. 80
Pepperdine 71, Portland 66
Saint Mary's, Calif. 54, Santa Clara 50
San Diego 73, San Francisco 62

WOMEN

EAST

Long Island U. 61, St. Francis, Pa. 47
Quinnipiac 72, Cent. Connecticut St. 66
Robert Morris 76, Fairleigh Dickinson 52
Sacred Heart 64, Monmouth, N.J. 55
Wagner 58, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 49

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 58, MVSU 46
Alcorn St. 65, Grambling St. 63
Belmont 81, Jacksonville 74
Chattanooga 64, UNC-Greensboro 52
Coll. of Charleston 60, Wofford 53
Coppin St. 85, Winston-Salem 44
Delaware St. 72, Howard 63
Florida A&M 77, Norfolk St. 65
Gardner-Webb 76, Mercer 65
Georgia Southern 59, Furman 54
Hampton 68, Md.-Eastern Shore 64
IPFW 74, Centenary 47
Jackson St. 61, Southern U. 56
Kennesaw St. 67, Campbell 55
Morgan St. 49, S. Carolina St. 48
N. Carolina A&T 89, Bethune-Cookman 55
North Florida 63, Lipscomb 51
Stetson 64, S.C.-Upstate 51
Tennessee 59, Rutgers 58
Tennessee St. 70, Austin Peay 69
Virginia Tech 81, Miami 73, OT
W. Carolina 102, Elon 101, 4OT

MIDWEST

Michigan St. 56, Purdue 54
N. Dakota St. 63, W. Illinois 42
S. Dakota St. 68, IUPUI 44

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 87, Alabama St. 72
Oral Roberts 73, Oakland, Mich. 66

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with LHP Garrett Olson and OF Luke Scott on one-year contracts and RHP Steve Trachsel on a minor league contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with DH Mike Sweeney on a minor league contract.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with 3B Garrett Atkins on a one-year contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Craig Biggio special assistant to the general manager.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Tony Armas on a minor league contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with 1B Doug Mientkiewicz on a minor league contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with SS Khalil Greene on a two-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed C D.J. Mbenga for the rest of the season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Named Adrian White defensive quality control coach.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released LB Dan Morgan and G Mike Wahle.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived LB Roy Manning.

DENVER BRONCOS—Signed WR Derrick Hamilton. Released LB Warrick Holdman.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Released QB Trent Green, WR Marty Booker, OT L.J. Shelton, DT Keith Traylor, OT Anthony Alabi, DT Anthony Bryant, OT Marion Dukes, DT Marquay Love and OT Joe Toledo.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Named John Palermo defensive line coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DALLAS STARS—Re-signed RW Krys Barch to a two-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Placed D Niklas Kronwall on injured reserve. Recalled G Jimmy Howard from Grand Rapids (AHL).

OTTAWA SENATORS—Acquired C Cory Stillman and D Mike Commodore from Carolina for D Joe Corvo and RW Patrick Eaves.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled LW Daniel Carcillo and RW Bill Thomas from San Antonio (AHL). Assigned LW Pete Vandermeer to San Antonio.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned G Hannu Toivonen to Peoria (AHL). Recalled G Chris Beckford-Tseu and F Yan Stastny from Peoria.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned LW Jason Jaffray to Manitoba (AHL).

COLLEGE

ST. OLAF—Announced the resignation of Chris Meidt, football coach, to become an offensive assistant coach with Washington (NFL).

Basketball playoffs

Boys

Class AAAA

Friday

Quarterfinals

At North Allegheny

8 p.m. - McKeesport (18-3) vs Upper St. Clair (20-5)

At Chartiers Valley

8 p.m. - Central Catholic (20-40 v Canon-McMillan (18-7)

At Plum

8 p.m. - North Allegheny (23-2) vs Norwin (19-6)

At North Hills

8 p.m. - Moon (18-6) vs Franklin Regional (19-6)

Class AAA

Today

At Ringgold

8 p.m. - Uniontown (18-4) vs Ambridge (9-15)

At Canon-McMillan

8 p.m. - Blackhawk (19-5) vs Laurel Highlands (13-10)

At North Allegheny

8 p.m. - Highlands (19-4) vs Thomas Jefferson (10-13)

At Baldwin

8 p.m. - Greensburg Salem (18-5) vs Montour (14-10)

Wednesday

At Penn State-McKeesport

8 p.m - Belle Vernon Area (19-5) vs Keystone Oaks (14-10)

At Hempfield

8 p.m - Indiana (19-5) vs Steel Valley (16-5)

At North Hills

8 p.m. - Chartiers Valley (22-2) vs Mt. Pleasant (10-13)

At Ambridge

8 p.m. - Hopewell (18-5) vs Hampton (14-10)

Class AA

Today

First Round

At West Allegheny

8 p.m. - Monessen (18-5) vs Ford City (14-11)

At Belle Vernon Area

8 p.m. - Washington (18-6) vs Greensburg Central (17-8)

At North Hills

8 p.m. - Beaver Falls (19-3) vs Springdale (17-6)

At Chartiers Valley

8 p.m. - Aliquippa (16-8) vs Canevin (13-12)

Wedneday

At Fox Chapel

8 p.m. - North Catholic (21-3) vs Quaker Valley (16-9)

At North Allegheny

8 p.m. - Riverside (23-1) vs Seton LaSalle (13-12)

At Baldwin

8 p.m. - Jeannette (16-4) vs Center (16-7)

At West Allegheny

8 p.m - South Fayette (19-5) vs Shady Side Academy (18-7)

Class A

Today

Quarterfinals

At Baldwin

5 p.m. - Serra (21-2) vs Trinity Christian (5-16)

Friday

At Charleroi

8 p.m. - California (16-5) vs Bentworth (16-7)

At Ambridge

8 p.m. - Lincoln Place (15-6) vs Union (15-6)

At Steel Valley

8 p.m - St. Joseph (14-10) vs Serra-Trinity Christian winner

At Baldwin

8 p.m. - Wilkinsburg (13-10) vs Monaca (11-13)

Girls

Class AAAA

Friday

Quarterfinals

At Plum

6:30 p.m. - Norwin (24-1) vs Oakland Catholic (15-10)

At North Allegheny

6:30 p.m. - New Castle (19-5) vs Upper St. Clair (19-5)

At Baldwin

6:30 p.m. - Mt. Lebanon (23-2) vs Woodland Hills (18-7)

At Ambridge

Butler (23-2) vs Peters Township (18-7)

Class AAA

Today

First Round

At Canon-McMillan

6:30 p.m. - Ringgold (17-7) vs Blackhawk (16-9)

At Baldwin

6:30 p.m. - Elizabeth Forward (20-4) vs West Allegheny (13-11)

At North Allegheny

6:30 p.m. - Hampton (22-2) vs Thomas Jefferson (11-13)

At Ringgold

6:30 p.m. - Mt. Pleasant (17-6) vs Ambridge (15-8)

Wednesday

First Round

At Hempfield

6:30 p.m. - Indiana (21-3) vs Derry (14-10)

At Penn State-McKeesport

6:30 p.m. - West Mifflin (21-3) vs Southmoreland (18-6)

At North Hills

6:30 p.m. - Chartiers Valley (18-6) vs Highlands (15-10)

At Ambridge

6:30 p.m. - Hopewell (9-4) vs Franklin Regional (11-14)

Class AA

Today

First Round

At Belle Vernon Area

6:30 p.m. - Washington (22-1) vs Seton-LaSalle (14-11)

At West Allegheny

6:30 p.m. - Neshannock (16-7) vs South Park (17-8)

At Chartiers Valley

6:30 p.m. - Canevin (19-6) vs Sto-Rox (15-7)

At North Hills

6:30 p.m. - Beaver (15-6) vs Shady Side Academy (18-7)

Wednesday

First Round

At West Allegheny

6:30 p.m. - Sacred Heart (22-1) vs South Fayette (17-8)

At North Allegheny

6:30 p.m. - Riverside (17-7) vs Wilkinsburg (12-9)

At Fox Chapel

6:30 p.m. - Beaver Falls (15-8) vs Ford City (18-6)

At Baldwin

6:30 p.m. - Greensburg Central (16-7) vs Brownsville (16-8)

Class A

Friday

Quarterfinals

At Charleroi

6:30 p.m. - Monessen (24-0) vs Geibel (18-6)

At North Hills

6:30 p.m. - North Catholic (21-4) vs Avonworth (13-9)

At Steel Valley

6:30 p.m. - Serra (16-5) vs Mt. Alvernia (14-8)

At Chartiers Valley

6:30 p.m. - Quigley (18-7) vs Vincentian (16-8)

Top 25

MEN

Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Memphis(72)	23-0	1,800 1
2. Duke	21-1	1,714 2
3. Kansas	23-1	1,662 4
4. Tennessee	21-2	1,553 7
5. North Carolina	22-2	1,511 3
6. UCLA	21-3	1,383 5
7. Stanford	20-3	1,354 9
8. Georgetown	19-3	1,207 6
9. Butler	21-2	1,132 10
10. Michigan St.	20-3	1,071 11
11. Texas	19-4	1,014 12
12. Xavier	20-4	962 13
13. Indiana	20-3	933 14
14. Drake	22-1	863 15
15. Wisconsin	19-4	816 8
16. Texas A&M	20-4	713 18
17. Connecticut	18-5	658 19
18. Kansas St.	17-5	486 20
19. Purdue	19-5	467 24
20. Notre Dame	18-4	465 22
21. Washngtn St.	18-5	419 17
22. Pittsburgh	**18-5**	**301 21**
23. Louisville	18-6	246 —
24. Vanderbilt	20-4	222 23
25. St.Mary's,Calif.	20-3	204 25

Others receiving votes: Marquette 82, Arkansas 71, Florida 23, Rhode Island 15, Gonzaga 14, Arizona 11, BYU 9, Clemson 6..

WOMEN

Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Tennessee(45)	21-1	1,245 2
2. Connecticut(5)	22-1	1,174 1
3. NorthCarolina	22-2	1,154 3
4. Maryland	25-2	1,077 4
5. Rutgers	19-3	1,061 7
6. Stanford	22-3	1,019 6
7. LSU	20-3	946 8
8. Baylor	21-2	885 5
9. California	21-3	819 9
10. Oklahoma	17-4	804 10
11. West Virginia	19-3	736 12
12. Duke	18-6	689 11
13. Old Dominion	20-3	670 13
14. G. Washingtn	19-4	572 14
15. OklahomaSt.	19-3	537 17
16. Notre Dame	18-5	513 16
17. Kansas St.	16-6	417 18
18. Pittsburgh	**18-5**	**361 15**
19. Utah	20-3	283 20
20. Texas A&M	17-6	252 21
21. Syracuse	18-4	205 23
22. Wyoming	19-3	188 22
23. Ohio St.	18-6	172 19
24. UTEP	19-2	112 —
25. Vanderblit	18-6	97 —

Others receiving votes: Georgia 65, Virginia 50, Marist 25, Arizona St. 23, Iowa 23, Louisville 21, Illinois St. 11, Liberty 10, Kansas 9, DePaul 8.

Latest Line

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Detroit	5	ATLANTA
Boston	7	INDIANA
Denver	6	MIAMI
NEW JERSEY	6	Minnesota
Sacramento	5	MEMPHIS
New Orleans	4	CHICAGOo

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
PITT	8 1/2	Providence
PURDUE	1	Michigan St.
PENN	2	Princeton
Butler	6	WIS-MILW.
Bradley	1	INDIANA ST.
W. MICHIGAN	4	Miami-Ohio
AKRON	17	No. Illinois
Marquette	2	SETON HALL
N. Carolina	8	VIRGINIA
Louisville	7	DEPAUL
VANDERBILT	3	Kentucky
MINNESOTA	4 1/2	Illinois
UNLV	13	Air Force

Home team in CAPS

Malkin

(FROM PAGE TWO)

Malkin's parents consented to an interview after Sunday's game. Team employee George Birman translated.

Natalia Malkin chuckled as her husband spoke, but he was dead serious when he said, "I think Evgeni took a lot from me -- the way to think on the ice, the vision, my hands. But the way he is inside -- the toughness and personal character -- that's from his mom. She's a tough girl."

"From when he was 5, he was competitive, a leader in whatever he was doing," she said. "He would always try to be the best."

The Malkins are loving their time in Pittsburgh, where the "people are very friendly to us," Mrs. Malkin said.

The atmosphere back in Magnitogorsk has improved of late, too, though it wasn't easy when Malkin abruptly left his hometown team to come to the Penguins before last season.

The move created some hard feelings among hockey fans there.

"People have cooled off," Mr. Malkin said. "But some of them still remember and say things like, 'Oh, he can't do this to us.' But here's the thing: The people who understand hockey said, 'You know, he did it the right way. He has to be in the best league. He deserves to play there.' "

The Malkins, who have one other child, Denis, 23, run Evgeni's offbeat restaurant/deli back in Magnitogorsk.

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NEWS

Ringgold schedules kindergarten registration

The Ringgold School District will conduct registration for children who will enter kindergarten.

Children attending Ringgold kindergarten should have already been registered for first grade.

To register for kindergarten, a child must be age 5 before Sept. 1.

Children who have not attended kindergarten and are to be registered for the first grade must contact building principals by April 1 to arrange for testing.

Parents of children who do not meet normal age requirements can request, in writing by July 1, consideration for early admission. Requests must be sent to building principals. Only exceptional children will be granted early admission.

A parent must present a child's birth certificate or proof of date of birth at the time of registration.

Vaccination against small pox is no longer required.

However, for children to be admitted to school, parents must present immunization records indicating that their children have received:

- At least four doses of diptheria and tetanus, one being on or after the fourth birthday
- Polio, three doses, OPV or IPV.
- Measles, two doses, preferably MMR.
- Hepatitis B, three doses.
- Chicken pox, either from vaccination, history of disease or lab testing.

The registration schedule is 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.. as follows:

- March 3 – Gastonville Elementary Center.
- March 4 – Monongahela Elementary Center.
- March 5 – Donora Elementary Center.

To submit questions, call the building principal where the child will attend:

- Donora Elementary – (724) 379-7600.
- Gastonville Elementary – (724) 348-7205.
- Monongahela Elementary – (724) 258-2911.

The Pike Run 4-H Club named its officers at a banquet Jan. 26. Front row, from left, are John Michael Mihalek, news reporter; and Trisha Mihalek and Fox Pallini, song and game leaders; and back row, Lauren Golden, vice president; Angela Staley, president; Elizabeth Doman, secretary; and Victoria Molnar, treasurer.

Legarsky seeks Democratic nod in 12th Congressional District

Tim Legarsky is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 12th Congressional District.

Legarsky said he was born in Monongahela and raised in Long Branch, where he resides.

Legarsky is a teacher and small business owner. He is a 1995 California Area High School graduate.

As a high school senior, he sought a seat on borough council and subsequently served from 1996 to 2000.

Working his way through school as a bus driver, he received a degree in political science in 1999 from California University of Pennsylvania.

Legarsky said he has worked as an assistant general manager and school bus instructor.

He received secondary social studies teaching certification from Robert Morris University.

Legarsky said he began teaching in 2004 and he subsequently worked toward a master of education degree and K-12 principal/supervisor of curriculum certification.

In 2007, he opened a driver training school.

Legarsky said that as a teacher and small business owner, he is dedicated to education and public service.

The candidate said that if elected, he will support an economic policy aimed at rebuilding southwestern Pennsylvania's infrastructure and restoring an eroded job market; focus on improving educational polices; fight for health care for all Americans; protect Medicare and Social Security; reduce dependency on foreign oil; lower and stabilize skyrocketing gas prices; protect the environment by reducing greenhouse gases; and bring troops home from the Middle East.

"As an educator, my hope is to also bring education to the forefront of issues," he said. "I believe there are workable solutions available that will enhance our children's learning achievements and boost test scores.

"No Child Left Behind needs to be scrapped and a new, brighter education policy needs implemented.

"With skyrocketing gas prices, lay-offs and unemployment on the rise, housing foreclosures increasing, job outsourcing, longer hours and less pay, and a disastrous war plunging the U.S. economy further into debt, it is time we stand up to reverse this downward economic spiral and return to a prosperous economy.

"We can no longer afford to stand idly by and allow these issues to plummet out of control."

MAKING THE GRADE

Aitken prevails

Ian Aitken was the sixth grade winner in the Forsyth School GeoBee '08 geography event.

He is the son of Bart and Tammy Aitken, of St. Louis, and the grandson of Pauline and Lee Aitken, of Fellsburg.

Hevia-Wyvratt receives degree

Shannon Hevia-Wyvratt has received a master's degree in business administration from Seton Hill University.

She is a human resource specialist for Kennametal Inc. in Latrobe.

A 2004 California University of Pennsylvania graduate, she is the daughter of Bill and Carol Hevia, of Donora.

Resetar makes York dean's list

Sophomore criminal justice major Brian M. Resetar posted a 4.0 grade-point average was was named to the fall dean's list at York College of Pennsylvania.

A 2006 Belle Vernon Area High School graduate, he is the son of Gregory and Debra Resetar, of Rostraver Township.

Three listed in 'Who's Who'

Seton Hill University students Cayla Glover, of Monongahela, and Megan Martina and Valerie Masciarelli, of Perryopolis, have been listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

A group of area residents took *The Valley Independent* on vacation to Cancun, Mexico, and the ancient ruins of Chichen Itza in the Yucatan Peninsula. Above, from left, are Krista Kurka, Clinton Fine, of Forward Township; David Riel, of Belle Vernon; JoAnn Budd, of Forward Township; Kaley Riel, of Belle Vernon; and Dan Budd, Mary Fine, and Melvin Fine, of Forward Township.

Students from Jody Grove's second grade class at Rostraver Elementary visited the Belle Vernon high rise. The students performed Christmas carols and presented Christmas cards. The youngsters donated toys to Toys for Tots instead of a traditional gift exchange at school. At left, Taylor Kovatch presents a card to Dolores Saccani.

FRAZIER JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following were named to the second-quarter honor roll at Frazier Junior/Senior High School:

Grade 12

Highest honors

Carly Renee Staley.

High honors

Megan A. Axton, Justin Berklovich, Christina M. Bitonti, Brandon J. Bongiorno, Jenna Marie Boyles, Megan M. Cline, Joey D'Auria, Seth R. Harn, Jessica L. Hudik, Christopher K. Johnson, Annie F. King, Scott A. Leatherberry, Lia Colleen Losko, Ashlee D. Martin, Silvio R. Martini, Victor E. Masciarelli, Candy L. Newcomer, Jessica L. Richards, Matthew S. Romanchak, Matthew R. Shaporka, Jessica W. Stanley, Lauren L. Tucker, Dylan W. Vannucci, Theodore S. Vogel and Pierce B. Wilson.

Honors

Sarah E. Berklovich, Kelly Anne Bosh, Tiffany N. Burton, Joyce M. Carson, Brandice N. Christensen, Jarrett D. Eakins, Roberta J. Emery, Barbara A. Ferrari, Brittany N. Fisher, Robert J. Hatalowich, Thomas W. Hilty, Matthew J. Keebler, Justin D. Keller, Chelsea L. Kirmeyer, Adam Labuda, Adam E. Leonard, Justin R. Mathias, Justin M. Miller, Katelyn J. Oldham, Matthew P. Pato, Alanna G. Ramsier, Cayla Ross, Christopher A. Ross, Graden L. Swink and Matthew Joseph Wingrove.

Grade 11

Highest honors

Steven T. Cowen, Rebecca F. Leonard and Kayla R. McClellan.

High honors

Ryan E. Knoll, Michael T. Kriss, Erin L. Kuhn, Zachary T. Lash, Rebekah A. Lonce, Zachary A. Naylor, Anna K. Progar, Craig W. Rebovich, Hope E. Stinson, Derek R. Thompson, Steven T. Toth, Brittany M. Traynor, Lauren A. Vannucci and Jessica L. White.

Honors

Jordan L. Adams, Kayla M. Barch, Matthew C. Bird, Christopher E. Bise, Braden M. Delmar, Victorialynn Fink, Zachary G. Harshbarger, William J. Hetherington, Kelsey R. Jeffries, Tyler J. King, Thomas E. Kmetz, Nathan M. Kulikoski, Dustin R. Lerda, Heather M. Leyda, Anthony K. Lynch, Maria B. Marshall, Jessica M. Morrison, Ashley G. Novak, Rachael C. Peterson, Shane J. Rhodes, David B. Smith, Corre A. Strickler, Charles R.Wolpink and Joseph E. Zdehovan.

Grade 10

Highest honors

Zachary Smith.

High honors

Harrison W. Boyd, Eric J. Deabner, Justine N. Fartini, Shane R. Furlong, Abigail M. Grant, Andrew J. Hydak, Michele L. Maraugha, Anthony C. Morris, Shauna M. Novobilsky, Andria M. Osniak, Amanda M. Wingrove and Rachael A. Zimmerman.

Honors

Brandon L. Barcelo, Brock A. Burkholder, Jason S. Dziak, Courtney L. Fartini, Cara N. Fisher, Nathan R. Fisher, Lauren C. Fries, Adam T. Gerard, Nicholas A. Hawranko, Aaron T. Hegyes, Elizabeth S. Layhew, Christopher Lee Lutska, Taylor E. Lux, Brittany M. Novak, Colby J. Scullion and Joseph G. Smith.

Grade nine

Highest honors

Gabrielle A. Campbell and Joshua A. Guiser.

High honors

Giovanna L. Bitonti, Melissa L. Brown, Emily S. Cowen, Kimberly A. Deabner, Kacy A. Dean, Jenna M. Gardner, Dominique M. Hewitt, Tyler J. Holt, Emily J. Leonard, Sarah A. Marshall, Adam M. Novak, Emily A. Stark and Colton R. Thompson.

Honors

Ashley M. Brown, Shannon N. Cline, Holly M. Cook, Christian M. Dick, Tyler R. Domonkos, Laurissa R. Ellis, Jacob A. Ely, George M. Fincik, Paul C. Hatlapatka, Chelsea E. Howser, Gena F. Keebler, Frederick A. Kirchner, Shannon Kuhn, Haley E. Lancaster, Rachael R. Lonce, Francis E. Miller, Elizabeth T. Morgan, Timothy R. Parsons, Savannah R. Prue, Aaron Richards, Cathern A. Shaffer, Zachary N. Smalich, Tara L. Stillwagon and Ryan S. Wooldridge.

Grade eight

Highest honors

Timothy J. McQuillis, James S. Novobilsky and Wyatt C. Tidholm.

High honors

Scott A. Benning, Shane A. Benning, Keana B. Bertocci, Corin R. Carson, Kelsey L. Dillon, Jesse W. English, Robert A. Gondura, David J. Hudik, Natalie L. Losko, Simantha R. Marinucci, Creg J. Milko, Michelle K. Novobilsky, Sawyer A. Palonder, Adam S. Rebovich, Tyler A. Rock, Ryan A. Ruscitti, Mariah K. Spellman, Tori C. Turner and Rock A. Vargo.

Honors

Joshua R. Barota, Robert A. Breckenridge, Samantha J. Chuboy, Nicole L. Harshman, Bryan K. Kibe, Lance W. Lyons, Megan E. Manack, Jordan W. McClellan, Chelsea M. McCune, Patience M. Michael, Teaha M. Nahar, Logan C. Persichetti, Alexander C. Smith, Franchesca Dula Uhar, Janell M. Vasquez and Courtney M. Wolford.

Grade seven

Highest honors

Andrea M. Losko.

High honors

Shannon N. Adams, McKenzie L. Barch, Michael S. Brown, Jaime D. Fell, Zachary J. Guiser, Tyler J. Harclerode, Erica L. Harvey, Zachary J. Klorczyk, Marissa N. Koon, Cory M. Krall, Justin J. Kulwicki, Cory R. Lutska, William C. Mahalko, Sydney A. Marks, Leah N. Muccioli, Tanner E. Murt, Paul J. Pellick, Joshua D. Potter, Jared S. Rebovich, Joseph R. Reschenthaler and Travis L. Smith.

Honors

Meghan E. Androsik, Jake R. Basinger, Sean G. Bednar, Donna M. Black, Rachael L. Chuboy, Rachel E. Douglass, Gage E. Fabriziani, Zachary J. Falki, Tyler E. Harkins, Cheyenne N. Hiles, Morgan M. Hollowood, Jonathan T. Klorczyk, Mason R. Lincoln, Alexis N. Livingstone, Felicia S. Magnelli, Ryan R. Maurer, Brooke L. Murphy, Christina E. Murphy, Brooke A. Protos, Robert A. Rendina, Dylan J. Shanaberger, Sarah E. Snyder, Amber N. Starr, Holly A. Stinson, Brittany N. Strothers, Michael P. Zueger

Grade six

Highest honors

Riley J. Chaw, Daniel E. Leonard, Michael J. Luce, Charles J. Manack, Collin M. Nutt, Lauren N. Timko

High honors

Colton P. Bird, Samantha L. Brooks, Caitlyn M. Brown, Megan M. Campbell, Katie L. Chubboy, Mallory B. Connors, Alexis M. Davies, Ashley R. Davies, Prima A. Haney, Christian V. Katic, Branden S. Kippel, Jake R. Koltiska, Jessica M. Kulwicki, Anna H. Lazar, Daniel E. Leonard, Morgan E. Massey, Bryan M. Moore, Collin M. Nutt, Jessica L. Russell, Travis C. Sanner, Lauren N. Timko and Riley A.Vargo.

Honors

Kaley L. Barota, Chaise C. Bertocci, Meggie I. Boyd, Haley N. Branthoover, Cheyanne Brown, Jessica L. Butler, Sara E. Diamond, Alexis P. Fries, Jacob M. Girvin, Sunnie N. Grim, Joseph C. Hela, Daniel E. John, Courteney M. Protos, Lauren Somers and Madison S.Wilson.

NEWS

RINGGOLD HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following were named to the second quarter honor roll at Ringgold High School:

Grade 12
Highest honors

Lauren Bandi, Christopher Barber, Brooke Carroll, Elizabeth Eikey, Jordan Fowler, Robert Garland, Jacob Gerba, Christina Hogya, Jenna Hrubes, Brittany Johnson, Katherine Johnson, Dillon Kennedy, Melissa Loutitt, Adam Madar, Timothy Madar, Ian Mathies, Michael Matta, Sarah Mcmahon, Joshua Menendez, Sara Middleton, Caitlyn Murphy, Terra Nagy, Jessica Otto, Drew Ringeling, Jessica Russell, Jennifer Sasko, Michelle Scheponik, Ashley Smithyman, Randy Stein and Travis Tokach.

High honors

Willis Abel, Melissa Alexander, Jordain Anderson, Heather Baka, Jessica Barner, Nicholas Bell, Danielle Brletich, Taylor Brletich, Christopher Brown, Patrick Buono, Brittany Burch, Lindsey Burnworth, Christopher Carroll, Loren Cortopassi, Christine Davis, Christi Dean, Robert Dennis, Samuel Devore, Michael Dishong, Stephanie Dolinar, Rebekah Gamble, Brittany Gibson, Mykel Haney, Rachel Harper, Timothy Honaker, Victoria Irey, Corey Koscho, Jacob Lawrence, Joseph Lawrence, Wesley Lenik, Amanda Lewis, Cali Lewis, Nicole Lignelli, Kaylyn Massafra, Victoria Miller, Katlyn Minor, Alyssa Moses, Jacqualine Murphy, Slade Pepke, Maura Rodgers, Kelly Ruhl, Brittany Scagline, Carissa Scheuermann, Michael Sendek, Matthew Snyder, Samantha Sturges, Stephanie Syrko, Corey Teck, Kelly Vrabel, Eric Weinheimer, Jessica Williams, Ryan Wisbar, Dante Woodyear and Michael Wyvratt.

Honors

Kathryn Allen, Morgan Balsley, Matthew Barone, Kristofer Bezy, Samantha Bottone, Michael Cafeo, Angelica Canzonieri, Megan Carraway, Jordan Cernaloger, Brian Christopher, Logan Cole, Matthew Cooper, Rachael Crosby, Corey Demchak, Michael Dimatteo, Shane Duda, Frantz Felix, Nicole Fonzi, Ashley Garnic, Robert Garrison, Catherine Ghilani, Ashley Gilmer, Breanna Gminder, Katherine Goodfellow, Regina Grimes, Meghan Higgins, Christopher Jakela, Chelsea Johnson, Nicholas Jones, Nicole Karpinsky, David Keeling, Matthew Kennedy, Dorian King, Tyler Leach, Ryan Lippert, Deanna Malis, Ross Martin, Dean Mathies, Brandon Mcauliffe, Tannah Mcwhorter, Mackenzie Mellor, Zachary Moorby, Matthew Mowery, Amanda O'brien, Keeley O'brien, Edward Parquette, Patiens Pettiford, Brianna Pry, Jared Resanovich, Dolly Ring, Mallorie Schilling, Andrea Shetterly, Elizabeth Siudela, Melany Smith, Cory Speicher, Michelle Stillwagon, Carl Sutherland, Ashleigh Sypherd, Jonathan Weeks, Daniel Weinheimer, Jesse Weygandt, Melissa Wukovich and Ashley Zaladonis.

Grade 11
Highest honors

Michael Bedner, Donald Chettle, Ryan Fine, Cheriee Henderson, Diana Hric, Luke Jasko, Brian Klebanski, Joshua Masters, Amanda Peterson, Erica Quattrone, Brittany Recker, Emily Scalise, Blayze Schindler, Rachel Swalin, Krista Wineland and Stephanie Wohar.

High honors

Joseph Baldini, Scott Balzer, John Bandalo, Seana Bandi, Robin Barton, David Bassi, Shawn Becquet, Caitlin Bickel, Bradley Bly, Steven Brosek, Anthony Destefano, Courtney Ficorilli, Katelyn Fonner, Ashley Gudenburr, Kayla Hardinger, Evan Harger, Whitney Kevech, Caitlin Koceski, Kala Kupec, Ashleigh Lawrence, Jessa Lignelli, David Marchewka, Jason Melzer, Danielle Murphy, Nicole Nemeth, Andrea Price, Kristen Robson, Emily Schartner, Thomas Sherred, Karry Smith, Karlee Sypherd, Dedra Totin, Damian Winterbottom and Laura Wisyanski.

Honors

Alyse Atkins, Tamlynn Bachetti, Shelby Berti, Natalie Botsko, Kristyn Bowen, William Bracken, Jeremy Buono, Stephanie Cheplic, Martin Cichon, Dennis Clerihue, Samantha Depretis, Richard Douglas, Katrina Dubbs, Jessica Eckels, Kayla Fransko, Allen Fronzaglio, Valerie Gambino, Antonio Greco, Jeffrey Gunia, Samantha Hafner, Amanda Hasco, Cassandra Holets, Samantha Jenkins, Adam Kerin, Jessica Klocek, Joseph Knisely, Zachary Kordistos, Zachary Lewis, Cortney Lowell, Taylor Mcbride, Amanda Mcintyre, Crystal Mckee, Jeremy Menzer, Lauren Meyer, Jordan Miller, Joshua Mocniak, Mandy Morrison, Daniel Muccino, Jeremy Oslowski, Justin Patz, Brittany Rosenfeld, Lacey Sanetta, Andrea Siciliano, Danielle Smith, Jacob Spaziani, John Sproul, Chelsea Tritschler, Amanda Tullai, Lexa Watroba, Mary Wendell, Jonathan Wheeler, Stephanie Whitely, Jessica Woodrick, Andrew Wyvratt, Corey Young, Mark Yuratovich and Kayla Zakrzewski.

Grade 10
Highest honors

Benjamin Baran, Morgan Baxter, Brian Johnson, Elizabeth Latkowski, Tyler Novotney, Emily Otto, Alina Selby, John Sendek and Joseph Syrko.

High honors

Carly Amann, Christina Basso, Katherine Cramer, Nina Crayton, Philip Davis, Jessica Dayen, Shelby Duke, Mary Fakner, Michelle Ference, Benjamin Gardner, Joshua Goetz, Kaitlyn Hanus, Jeffrey Hayden, Brittany Heinlein, Barrett Henze, Devin Ilgenfritz, Casey Johnson, Krista Keener, Kristen Kotsenas, Kelly Lamberger, Robert Mathews, Kevin Mccrory, Amanda Mesina, Haley Robison, Tyler Settelmaier, Amy Stuart, Tyler Yost, Katelyn Young and Paul Ziemba.

Honors

Tess Bansavage, Madison Baxter, Abigail Begandy, Joshua Behanna, Ashley Bellis, Kayln Beluscak, Nolan Botsko, Hayley Bracken, Robert Bracken, Luke Brooks, Jonathan Coltogirone, Anthony Coppi, Nicole Crayton, Mark Depretis, Aaron Duda, Taylor Dunmire, Daniel Eisel, Amanda Erickson, Amber Fine, Amanda Flament, Philip Fonzi, Joseph Franks, Tyler Garcia, Chloe Henson, Danielle Hermes, Derek Jobes, Patrick Jones, Amanda Kennedy, Ashley Koontz, Kari Laski, Amber Liotus, Anna Macugoski, Jared Madaras, William Marnich, Darcy Mautino, Justin Mazzeo, Caitlin Mcquillan, Jessica Muraca, Nicholas Necciai, Ashlie Petrick, Frank Renzulli, Stephanie Rodgers, Steffany Scagline, Matthew Sebolt, Andrew Severns, Autumn Sloan, Chelsea St Cyr, Matthew Thurner, Jacob Tolliver, Julie Tortorice, Nicholas Varga, Lindsey Volkar, Sarah Weeks, Laurie Wessel, Jesse Wiley and Lauren Zurawski.

Grade nine
Highest honors

Michelle Bassi, Angela Beck, Travis Carroll, James Donovan, Joseph Fogiato, Breanna Goetz, Nicole Greco, Stephanie Guzik, Bethany Hallam, Ashley Hardinger, Brooke Hinchman, Lauren Jacobs, Jonathan Kite, Stephanie Koontz, Sarah Lutz, Amanda Manko, Jordan Massari, Ashley Mcmahon, Natalie Radic, Dalton Smith, Brianna Szymanski and Danielle Veliky.

High honors

Taylor Adams, Thomas Baran, Karie Bavuso, Kelly Becquet, Alicia Berardelli, Sara Bowker, Colleen Bucher, Laura Burkhardt, Jacob Burnisky, Joshua Burnisky, David Doty, Haley Durkacz, Lindsey Ficorilli, Alexis Giles, Laura Guarinoni, David Guentner, Rachael Guglielmi, Makensie Holets, Kaylin Homa, Rachael Jubic, Lacey Kazior, David Keener, Jason Kohlburn, Caci Lignelli, Taylor Marnich, Ashton Martik, Moriah Mathies, Molly Mccartan, Colin Mccormick, Jamie Melzer, Katherine Murray, Alexandrea Nietert, Alexandra Oglesby, Brittani Pardini, Leah Pascarella, Matthew Patton, Dillion Price, Courtney Reis, Violet Sarver, Emily Schmidt, Drake Spahr, Emily Spindler, Leah St Cyr, Andrew Stine, Abigail Wernert and Joseph Wohar.

Honors

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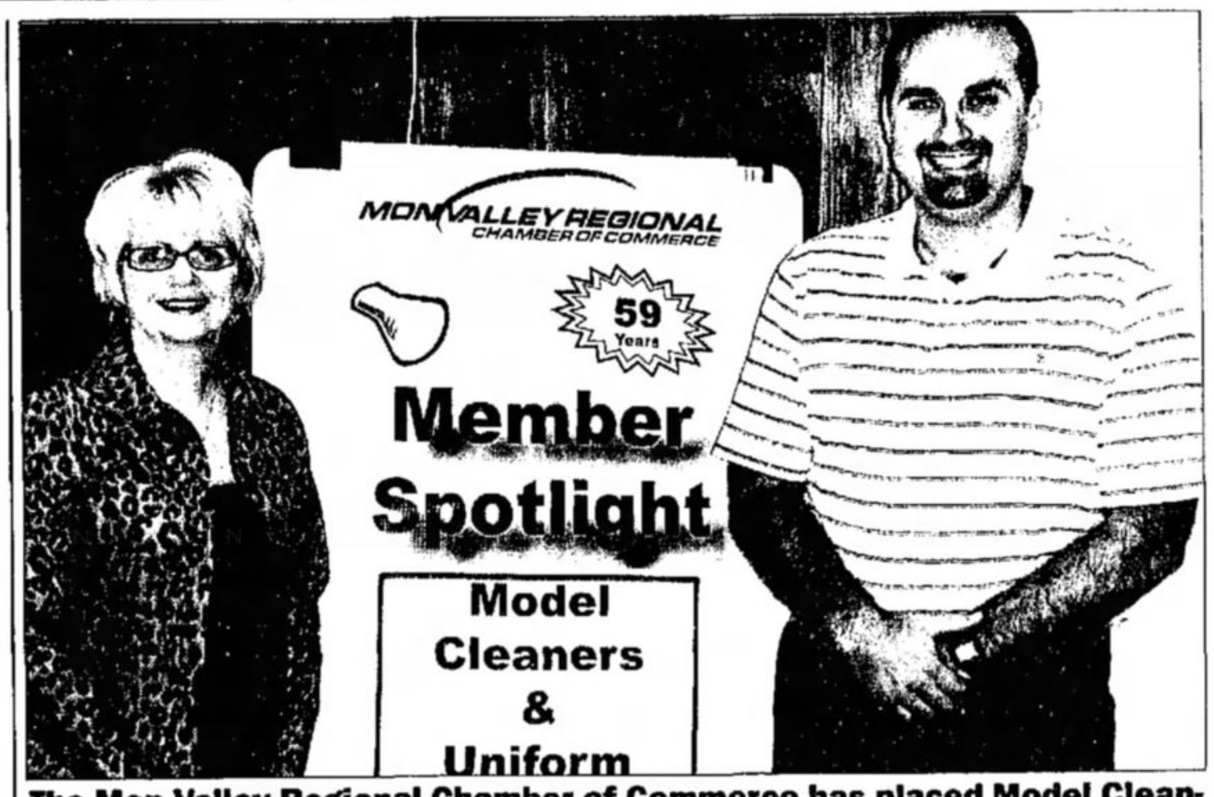

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce has placed Model Cleaners and Uniform in its Member Spotlight. Established in the early 1900s, it was taken over by the LaCarte family in 1985. Since then the company has grown rapidly and now employs 200 people. Above are chamber Director Deb Keefer and Joe LaCarte, general manager of the uniforms division. John LaCarte is Model's president.

Reis seeks Democratic Party nod in 49th Legislative District

Barbara Reis is seeking the Democratic Party nomination for 49th Legislative District, state House of Representatives.

Reis

"I have lived in the Mon Valley for 34 years and know what our communities need from our public servants," Reis said. "As the wife of a union steelworker, I have personally watched the economic struggles of families in southwestern Pennsylvania, the attempts of the elderly to attain services, the need for working families to have affordable health care, and the hope we all have for quality, efficient roads to our region's economic hub, Pittsburgh."

Reis said she is a lifelong Democrat who has spent years working to improve the region.

"I am prepared to take that dedication to the next level," Reis said.

Reis, 55, is the mother of two, grandmother of two and the 34-year spouse of William Reis, who works at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel in Allenport.

Reis said she was inspired to seek the House seat by her work as North Charleroi tax collector, office manager for Dr. George Toohey, years of community service, and professional outreach to Mon Valley residents.

Reis said she has volunteered for Monongahela Valley Hospital, Toys for Tots, WESA Cash for Kids and the Mon Valley Food Bank,

She said her primary issues are senior and veterans services, advocacy for children and families, and promoting economic development.

Reis said she has launched aggressive field and fundraising campaigns by visiting neighborhoods throughout the district.

"No one ever said this would be easy," she said, "But I love every second that allows me to connect with the voters about the issues that matter to them."

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FEATURES

WEDDINGS

Henry-Stewart

Darcy L. Stewart, of Allenport, and Ralph T. Henry, of Monessen, were united in marriage on Nov. 17, 2007, during a 2 p.m. service performed by Pastor Scott Gallagher in Roscoe United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia Stewart, of Allenport, and the late Robert Stewart, and the groom is the son of Ralph and Lois Henry, of Monessen.

Grandmothers are Dorothy Stewart, of Roscoe, and Julia Rauscher, of Monessen.

Matron of honor was Brigitte Fiordigigli, of Dunlevy, and bridesmaids were Sue Shepelak, of Cincinnati, Ohio, sister of the groom; and Bethany Shepelak, of Cincinnati, niece of the groom.

Ring bearer was A.J. Fiordigigli, of Dunlevy, godson of the bride.

Timothy Henry, of Monessen, served as his father's best man. Groomsman was David Henry, of Finleyville, brother of the groom.

A dessert reception was held at the Allenport Firehall.

The bride is a graduate of California Area High School and Duff's Business Institute in Pittsburgh. She is employed by the University of Pittsburgh Research Association in Monessen.

Ralph and Darcy Henry

The groom is a graduate of Monessen High School and employed by the Monessen School District.

Following a honeymoon at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, W.Va., the couple is residing in Monessen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Cappelli 50th

Al and Mickey Rider Cappelli, of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Charleroi, recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married in Winchester, Va., on Feb. 1, 1958.

Al Cappelli is a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in electronics. Following retirement from the service, he accepted employment with Ford Aerospace as part of a satellite track program in England, from which he retired. Upon his return to the United States, he worked for IBM in San Jose, Calif., as an electronic engineer and manufacturing manager, retiring in 1991.

The Cappellis are the parents of three children, Al Jr. and Tammy Tarver, both of the state of California, and Jim, of Las Vegas. They also have two granddaughters, Katey and Chelsea.

Mickey and Al Cappelli

When submitting announcements ...

When submitting information for anniversaries, weddings and engagements, please list the first and last names of all people. We will not run items that list people, for example, as Mr. and Mrs. John Doe.

CALENDAR WATCH

Wednesday

- Monongahela Veterans Council meeting, VFW hall, 7 p.m.
- Carnation sale, Center in the Woods, California, 10:30 a.m.
- Prostate Cancer Support Group, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.
- Donora Library board of directors meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monessen High School Band Parents meeting, band room, 7 p.m.
- Grocery bingo and Chinese auction, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Monongahela, 7 p.m.
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Kids Inc. information luncheon, CASA office, Washington, noon to 1 p.m.
- Thomas McKee American Legion Post 28 meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7 p.m.
- Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging Caregivers Support Group meeting, Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging, Greensburg, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Former Page Steel and Wire employees luncheon, Eat 'n Park, Rostraver Township, noon.
- American Legion Post 659, Belle Vernon, meeting, club meeting, 7 p.m., legion meeting, following.
- Fayette County American Legion meeting, Post 295 Brownsville, 7 p.m.
- Mom's Time Out, Schooner Youth Center, Monessen, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Monongahela Library board plans meeting

There will be a regular meeting of the Monongahela Library board of directors 7 p.m. Wednesday in the library.

Italian Heritage Society to meet

The board of directors of the Monessen Italian Heritage Society will meet 7 p.m. Thursday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center in Monessen.

K of C Council 956 to meet in Charleroi

Father William D. Fries Council 956 Knights of Columbus, Charleroi, will hold its monthly meeting Thursday at the council home. The rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Weekly fish fry set at St. John

A fish fry will be held noon to 6 p.m. Friday and each Friday through Lent, except Good Friday, at St. John Social Center, Perryopolis. Fish sandwiches and peroghi will be sold. For takeouts, call (724) 736-2375. Bring containers.

Majorettes, dance team to perform new routines

The Belle Vernon Area Indoor Majorette Competition Squad and the Belle Vernon Area High School Dance Team will perform their 2008 competition routines for the public to kick off their competition season. The performance will be held 7 p.m. Friday at the high school gymnasium. The admission is a donation to the groups. Refreshments will be available.

Spaghetti dinner set in Brownsville

A spaghetti dinner will be held 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Brownsville Sons of Italy. For information, call (724) 785-3600.

Society to meet in Perryopolis

Members of St. John Altar Society, Perryopolis, will meet in the social center following the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Charleroi '88 seeking classmates

The Charleroi High School Class of 1988 is seeking addresses of the following classmates in the planning of the Aug. 30 reunion:

Holly Barnett, Becky Bashada (Lee), Harold (Skip) Behanna, Jim Black, James Butler, Harry Cheney, Walter Corey, Charles Espey, Gloria Felix, Dan Ferraton, Kelly Garland (Franks) Beth Hill, Brad Johnson, Laura (Reno) Gray, John Sadosky, Lorri Smith, Scott Taylor, Sherri Telegraphis, Jim Todd, Amy Tregembo and Christopher Weichler.

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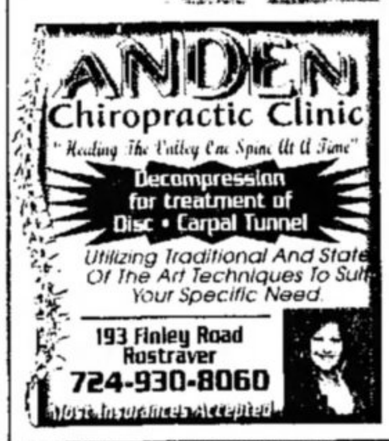
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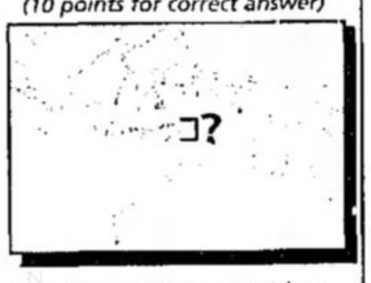

Jose Ramos-Horta, president of this tiny island nation since May 2007, was flown to a hospital in Australia after he was gravely wounded in a thwarted coup attempt. This Southeast Asian country has only been recognized as a nation since 2002, after enduring more than 25 years of brutal occupation by neighboring Indonesia. Following the Indonesian invasion, Ramos-Horta spent 24 years in exile, lobbying governments to gain attention for the plight of his people. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1996. Name this country.

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1.Who is coach of the California High School varsity boy's basketball team?

2.Who is coach of Edinboro University's women's basketball team?

3.Who is Rostraver Township police chief?

4. Who is Ringgold's superintendent?

5. Who is Fayette County's controller?

WORLDSCOPE

(10 points for each correct answer,

1-U.S. Representative Tom Lantos of California, the only member of Congress to have survived ..?.., died at 80.

2-Republican candidate ..?.. dropped out of the presidential race two days after Super Tuesday.

3-U.S. Defense Secretary ..?.. has said he favors a "pause" in troop reductions in Iraq after up to 30,000 U.S. soldiers are sent home this summer.

4-More than 50 people died when unseasonal ..?.. hit Southeast states including Tennessee, Arkansas, and Kentucky.

5-In one of Europe's largest ever art heists, armed thieves in ski masks stole four paintings by Cezanne, Degas, van Gogh and Monet worth $163.2 million from a museum in ..?...

NEWSNAME

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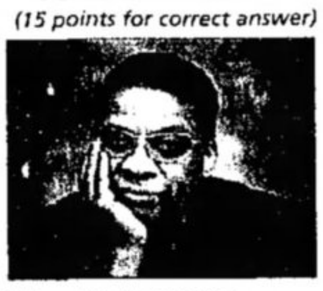

When my name was announced as winner of "album of the year" at the Grammy awards, many were shocked that my album of Joni Mitchell interpretations beat out megastars like Kanye West and Amy Winehouse. At 67, I'm considered a legend of modern jazz piano. Earlier in my career, I shocked some jazz purists by incorporating the raw sounds of funk and hip hop. My 1983 album "Future Shock" had a huge crossover hit in the instrumental song "Rockit." Who am I?

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ANSWERS

NEWSPLACE: East Timor
WORLDSCOPE: 1-the Holocaust; 2-Mitt Romney; 3-Robert Gates; 4-tornadoes; 5-Switzerland
NEWSNAME: Herbie Hancock
PEOPLE/SPORTS: 1-Phil Pergola; 2-Edinboro coach Stan Swank; 3-Greg Resetar; 4-Gary Hamilton; 5-Sean Lally

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by Luis Campos

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Presidents Day, Feb. 18

Following George's Rules

This famous painting of George Washington shows him toward the end of his life. It was painted by Gilbert Stuart. Washington posed for the painting of the head, but someone else stood in for the body.

Photo courtesy National Portrait Gallery

Presidents Day

We celebrate Presidents Day this year on Feb. 18. George Washington was born on Feb. 22, 1732, in Virginia.

George had several brothers and sisters. George was very close to his older half-brother, Lawrence, who helped him with his studies and taught him how to get along socially.

George did well in math. He learned to **survey**, or measure land, at a young age.

His father died when George was 11 years old, so he helped his mother run the farm where they lived. He learned a lot about keeping books, planting and horses.

Presidents Day honors all American presidents. It is also near Abraham Lincoln's birthday (Feb. 12).

George's rules

Have you ever copied words, either to improve your handwriting or to memorize the material?

George went to school only until he was about 14 or 15 years old. He was probably asked by his mother or a teacher to copy some "rules of behavior." These rules were originally written by **Jesuits**, or members of a group of Roman Catholics, in the late 1500s. Over the years many people gave George credit for the rules, but he was not the author.

Photo courtesy Mount Vernon Ladies Association

A sample of George's handwriting. This is a letter he wrote to his dentist about his badly fitting dentures.

In honor of Presidents Day, The Mini Page takes a look at some of the 110 "Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation."

Some of the rules sound funny to us; the style of writing was different in George's time. But most of them relate to basic good manners and respect for others.

What's civility?

Civility is courtesy, or politeness. We have added a short explanation for each rule. Try to figure out what the rules mean before reading the explanation.

1. Every action donein co pany ought to be with so e sign of respect to those that are present.

Treat other people with respect.

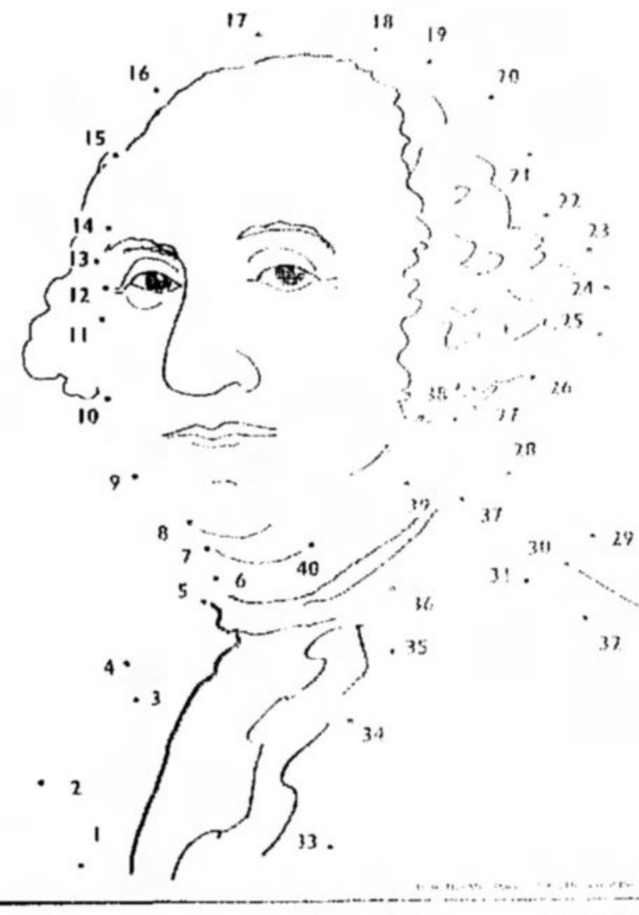
4. In the presence of others, sing not to yourself with a mmhu ing noise, nor m dru with your fingers or feet.

Don't make annoying noises when others are trying to talk and listen.

15. Keep your nails clean and short, also your hands and teeth clean, yet without showing any great concern for the .

Practice good hygiene, but don't make a big deal out of it.

Go dot to dot and color our first president.



Rookie™ Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Tasty Oven-Fried Chicken Bites

These bites are moist on the inside and crunchy on the outside. Serve with a salad and you have a complete meal.

You'll need:
- 3 boneless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/3 cup Italian dressing
- 1/2 cup Italian bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 3/4 teaspoon dried basil
- Cooking spray

What to do:
1. Cut chicken into 1-inch cubes and place in bowl with Italian dressing.
2. Mix bread crumbs, parmesan cheese and basil in a separate shallow bowl.
3. Coat chicken pieces with bread crumb mixture.
4. Spray a medium baking pan with cooking spray. Place chicken pieces in one layer in the pan.
5. Bake for 30 minutes until chicken is done. Makes 4 servings.

**You will need an adult's help with this recipe.*

Meet Maiara Walsh

Maiara (my-AH-ra) Walsh stars as Meena Paroom in the Disney Channel series "Cory in the House." She has acted in several movies and TV shows, including the Nickelodeon series "Unfabulous."

Maiara, 20, is Brazilian and American. She speaks Spanish, Portuguese and English. She and her family go to Brazil every year to visit family. The rest of the year, she lives with her family in the San Fernando Valley in California. She has one older sister.

She began taking acting classes when she was 11 years old. She enjoys hiking, singing, dancing, surfing, reading and cooking. She is very concerned about the environment, and works to increase recycling.

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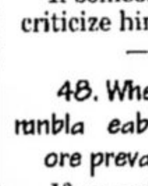
TM Goldie Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Rachel Dawson



Height: 5-10 Hometown: Berlin, N.J.

For Rachel Dawson, it was the perfect ending to a storybook college field hockey career. The dazzling senior led the University of North Carolina to a perfect 24-0 season, the Division I national championship, and was voted the top female field hockey player in the nation.

A two-time All-American, Dawson led the Tar Heels in scoring with 19 goals and was hailed by coach Karen Shelton as the most valuable player ever to play at UNC.

Dawson, also a member of the U.S. National Team, excels in the classroom as well. She is a Dean's List student majoring in business. She lists her dream job as being a "chief inventor and CEO of a major technological firm."

Dawson, who grew up in an athletic family with seven siblings, likes to read, watch sports and go to the beach.

More About George

Because George's father died when George was so young, he was not able to go to college. As an adult, he collected a large number of books, and he became a good writer. In this way, he made up for not having a college education.

His writings have given us a thorough look at this former president.

George as an adult

As a man, George Washington did many things that affected our country. He was a member of the First Continental Congress in 1774, where leaders of the Colonies met to discuss unfair treatment by the British. At the Second Continental Congress, Washington was elected the commander in chief for the Colonies.

Photo courtesy Mount Vernon Ladies Association

In this position, Washington led thousands of soldiers in the Revolutionary War against the British. His troops and the colonists admired his courage and knowledge about warfare.

George Washington's plantation, Mount Vernon.

A gentleman farmer

When he was not involved in his military career, George was a farmer. He and his wife, Martha, worked at their plantation, Mount Vernon, to make it more productive. He switched his crops from tobacco to wheat and started milling the wheat for flour.

His country calls him

After the Revolutionary War ended, George Washington left his military job. He had decided to never again serve in public life. But the new country's problems interested him, and he worried that the Articles of Confederation were not working well.

Constitutional Convention

In 1787 he went to Philadelphia for the Constitutional Convention. This meeting was called to make changes to the Articles of Confederation. The meeting took four months. George was in favor of a constitution.

When the U.S. Constitution was finally approved, George wanted to again return to Mount Vernon and lead a quiet life. But in 1789, the U.S. Constitution had been approved by nine of the 13 states, and George Washington was elected president of the United States.

Washington served two terms as president. He returned to Mount Vernon and died there on Dec. 14, 1799.

Site to see: Mount Vernon www.mountvernon.org/learn/meet_george/index.cfm/ss/26

More Rules From George

22. Show not yourself glad at the isfortune of another though he were your ene y.

Don't be happy when something bad happens to someone else, even if you don't like him or her.

44. When a an does all he can, though it succeeds not well, bla e not hi that did it.

If someone tries hard and fails, don't criticize him for failing.

48. Wherein you reprove another be unbla eable yourself; for exa ple is ore prevalent than precepts.

If you criticize someone about something, you should not do the same thing yourself. Actions speak louder than words.

53. Run not in the streets, neither go too slowly nor with outh open, go not shaking your ar s, kick not the earth with your feet, go not upon the toes, nor in a dancing fashion.

Walk calmly without jumping around.

54. Play not the peacock, looking everywhere about you, to see if you be well decked, if your shoes fit well, if your stockings sit neatly, and clothes handso ely.

Don't check yourself out in mirrors all the time, seeing how you look.

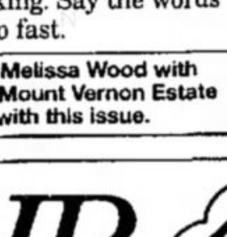
56. Associate yourself with en of good quality if you estee your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad co pany.

People may make judgments about you based on who your friends are.

60. Be not l odest in urging your friends to discover a secret.

It may be better to keep the secret.

65. Speak not injurious words neither in jest nor earnest. Scoff at none although they give occasion.



Even if you're kidding, don't make fun of people.

71. Gaze not on the arks or ble ishes of others, and ask not how they ca e. What you ay speak in secret to your friend deliver not before others.

Don't stare at or ask about marks on other people, such as warts or freckles. And don't tell your friend's secrets to others.

73. Think before you speak. Pronounce not i perfectly nor bring out your words too hastily, but orderly and distinctly.

Think about what you want to say before you start talking. Say the words correctly and not too fast.

76. While you are talking, point not with your finger at hi of who you discourse, nor approach too near hi he who you talk, especially to his face.

Don't point at people while you talk to them, and don't get too close.

82. Undertake not what you cannot perfor but be careful to keep your pro ise.

Don't start something you can't finish, and keep your promises.

96. It's unbeco ing to stoop uch to one's eat. Keep your fingers clean, and when foul wipe the on a corner of your table napkin.

Eat politely. Sit up straight, and use your napkin to wipe your hands.

97. Put not another bit into your outh till the for er be swallowed. Let not your orsels be too big for the jowls.

Chew each bite thoroughly and swallow before taking another bite. Don't take bites that are too big.

100. Cleanse not your teeth with the table cloth napkin, fork or knife; but if others do it, let it be done with a pick tooth.

Don't use a knife or fork to pick food out of your teeth. Use a toothpick if necessary.

110. Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.

Keep in your heart your own sense of what's right and wrong.

Next week, The Mini Page is about Sojourner Truth.

The Mini Page thanks Melissa Wood with George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens for help with this issue.

TM MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Terry: Who set a record for having the biggest family?
Tom: George Washington, because he is considered the father of his country!

Tammy: Why would George Washington have difficulty throwing a silver dollar across the Potomac River today?
Tess: Because a dollar doesn't go as far as it once did!

Tim: Why was George Washington always standing in his official portraits?
Thelma: Because he could not lie!

TM Bassey Brown The News Hound's Presidents Day

TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of George Washington are hidden backwards and some letters are missing. Find the words and fill in the blanks. The words are hidden backwards and some letters are missing. Find the words and fill in the blanks.
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Mini Spy and her friends are using good manners at a fancy dance party. See if you can find: • man in the moon • toothbrush • football • letter D • heart • bird • handbag • pie plate • bow • fish • bench • hamburger • letter C • teapot • ring • key • letter L

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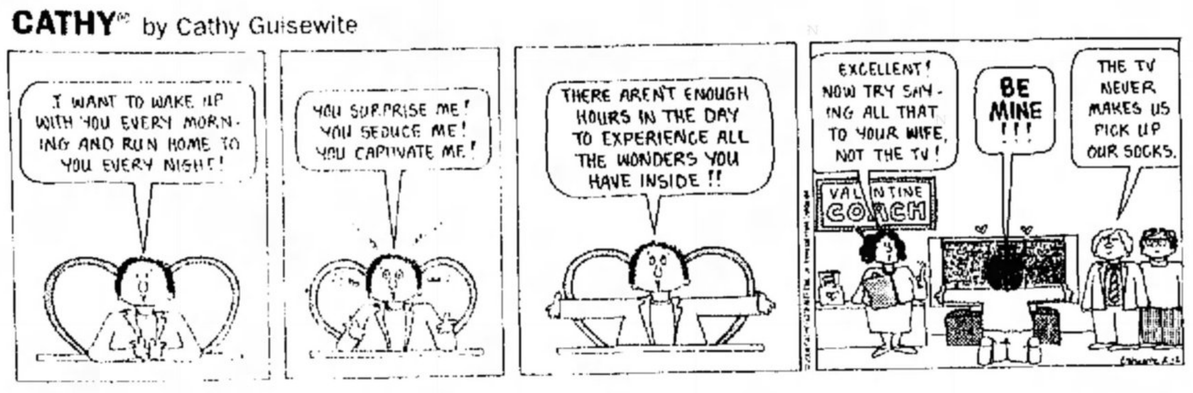
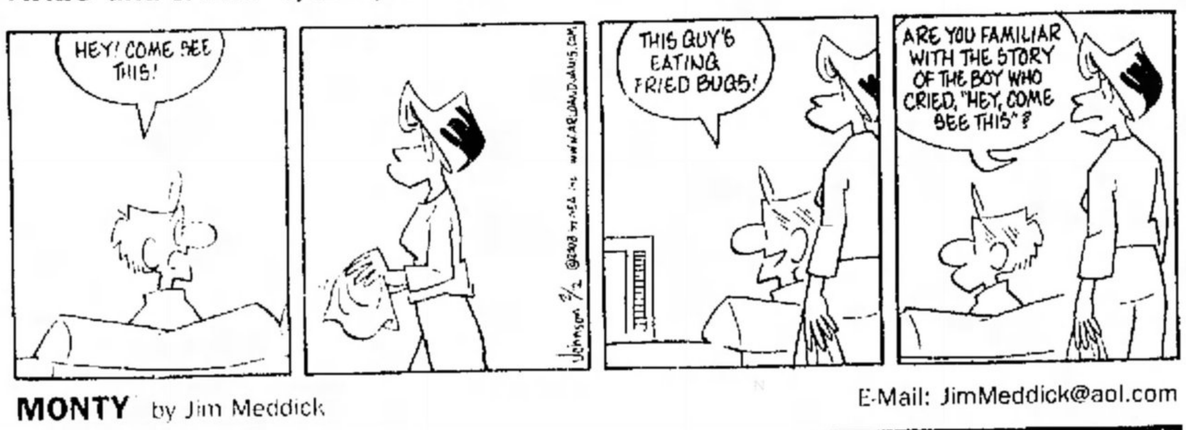

I WANT TO WAKE UP WITH YOU EVERY MORNING AND RUN HOME TO YOU EVERY NIGHT!
YOU SURPRISE ME! YOU SEDUCE ME! YOU CAPTIVATE ME!
THERE AREN'T ENOUGH HOURS IN THE DAY TO EXPERIENCE ALL THE WONDERS YOU HAVE INSIDE!!
EXCELLENT! NOW TRY SAYING ALL THAT TO YOUR WIFE, NOT THE TV!
BE MINE!!!
THE TV NEVER MAKES US PICK UP OUR SOCKS.
VALENTINE COACH

ARLO and JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson


HEY! COME SEE THIS!
THIS GUY'S EATING FRIED BUGS!
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE STORY OF THE BOY WHO CRIED, "HEY, COME SEE THIS"?
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BUT WHY CAN'T YOU SIMPLY LOCK ONTO MY COORDINATES AND... BEAM ME BACK?
BECAUSE WELL WE LOST ALL YOUR MOLECULAR REASSEMBLY DATA...
BUT ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, WE DID TRACK DOWN YOUR MISSING LUGGAGE...
MY LUGGAGE?
YES, YOUR LUGGAGE WAS TIMEPORTED TO WILTSHIRE COUNTY, ENGLAND, CIRCA 2300 B.C.
HEY, CHECK IT OUT... I'M BUILDING A HENGE.

BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker

COSMO, DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE ANY BAVARIAN CHOCOLATE?
YOU KNOW ME, SARGE. I BUY AND SELL EVERYTHING
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COSMO'S KORNER
BY THE WAY, A USED FURNITURE DEALER DROPPED BY TODAY
GREG+ MORT WALKER

GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr

BOY, I'VE GOT A BURNING QUESTION THAT'S REALLY EATING ME UP...
DO TELL
LISTEN, IF IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT LOCKER ROOM WE RANSACKED, KEEP IT TO YOURSELF...
BUT I'M REALLY ITCHING TO SHARE THIS...

FRANK and ERNEST® by Bob Thaves

ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR MY ONLINE PROFILE?
— DON'T DESCRIBE YOUR SPEED DATING EXPERIENCE AS "HANGING OUT WITH FAST WOMEN."
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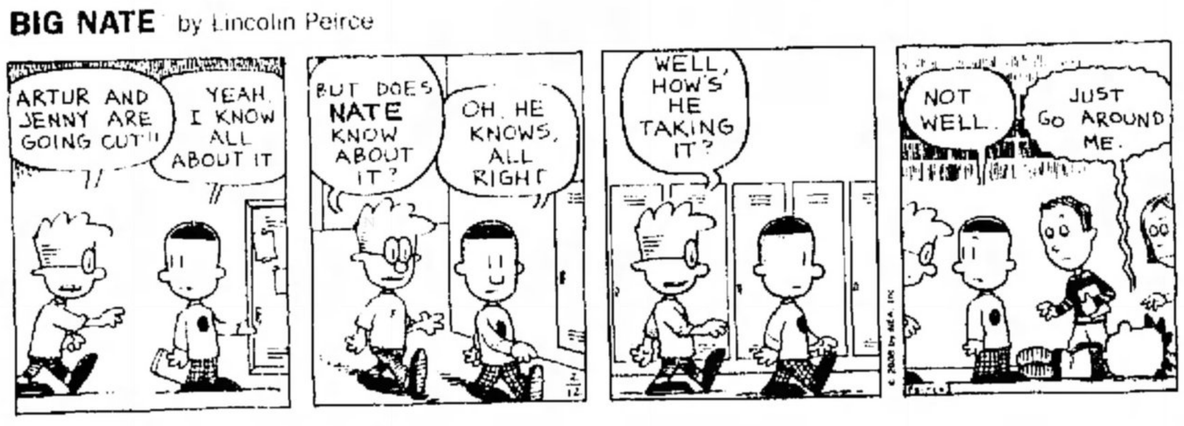
THAVES

SOUP TO NUTZ by Rick Stromoski

WHO'S THAT FOR?
I GOT A SECRET VALENTINE!
IT'S SAID THE ROSE IS A PERFECT SYMBOL OF LOVE
IS IT BECAUSE THEY NEVER LAST MORE THAN A FEW DAYS EITHER BEFORE THEY'RE DEAD?
BUT THIS ONE'S PLASTIC!

BIG NATE by Lincoln Peirce


ARTUR AND JENNY ARE GOING OUT!!
YEAH, I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT
BUT DOES NATE KNOW ABOUT IT?
OH, HE KNOWS, ALL RIGHT
WELL, HOW'S HE TAKING IT?
NOT WELL.
JUST GO AROUND ME.

ALLEY OOP by Dave Graue

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, FOOZY! TH' NOISE WE HEARD MUSTA BEEN NOTHIN'! LET'S GO FIND OOOLA!
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BENDER
MEANWHILE, EARLIE HAS TRAPPED OOOLA IN HIS CAVE...
ALLEY! HELP ME!
HA!
YOUR ALLEY OOP CAN'T HELP YOU NOW!

MARK TRAIL by Jack Elrod

IF I CAN LEAD THEM INTO THE CAVE, I MAY BE ABLE...
UH-OH, I THINK IT'S ALREADY OCCUPIED!
KATHY, OVER HERE... I THINK I KNOW WHERE TRAIL IS HIDING!
HIS TRACKS LEAD UP TO THE OPENING IN THESE ROCKS...HE HAS TO BE IN THERE!
JACK ELROD

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

I'M LOOKING THROUGH A VETERINARY SUPPLY CATALOG FOR A VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT FOR LIZ
HMMM...
THINK SHE'D APPRECIATE AN ELECTRIC PROBE WARMER?
I KNOW I WOULD
VET SUP

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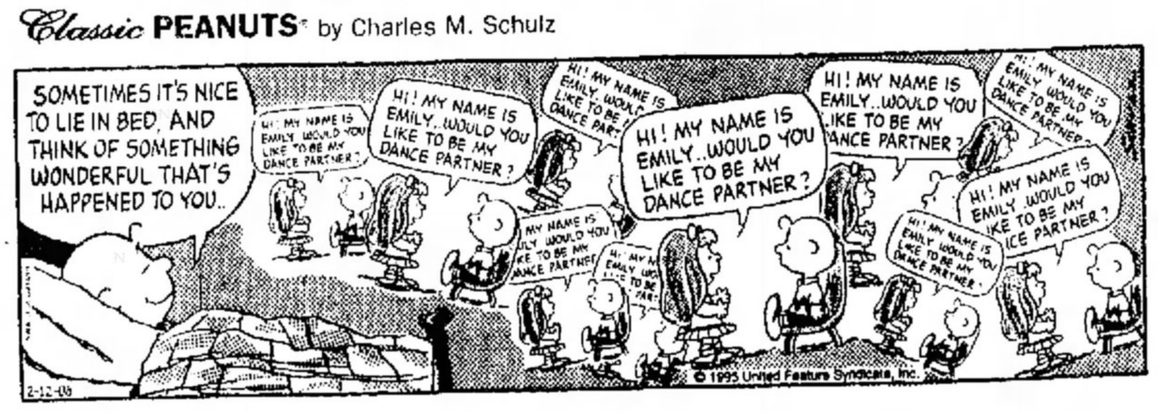
SOMETIMES IT'S NICE TO LIE IN BED, AND THINK OF SOMETHING WONDERFUL THAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU..
HI! MY NAME IS EMILY..WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MY DANCE PARTNER?
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I HATE DRIVING THIS TIME OF YEAR--THE ROAD SALT IS RUINING MY CAR!
HOW BAD IS IT?
THE CAR'S FINISH LOOKS LIKE THE RIM OF A MARGARITA!
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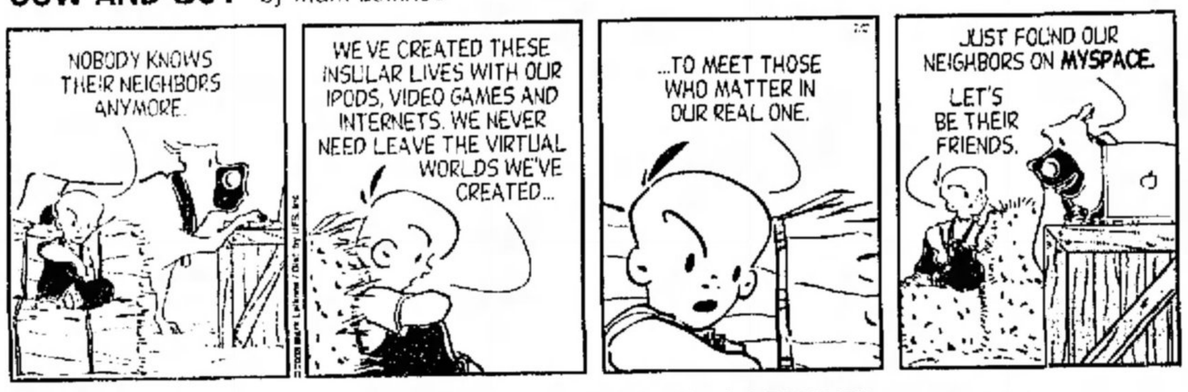
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JUST FOUND OUR NEIGHBORS ON MYSPACE.
LET'S BE THEIR FRIENDS.

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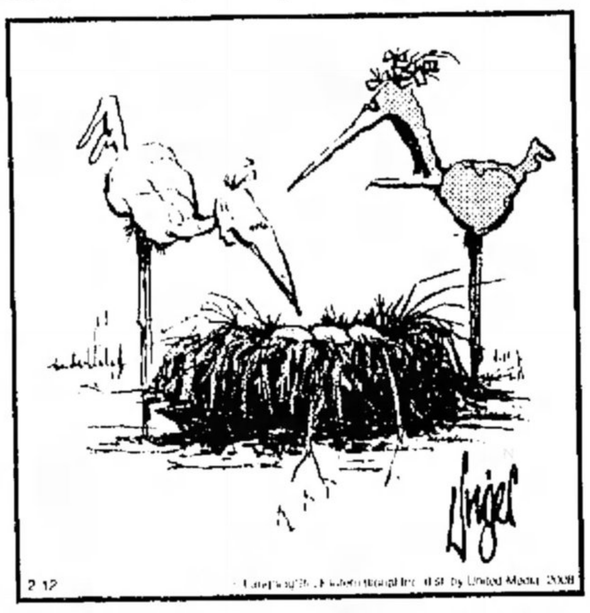
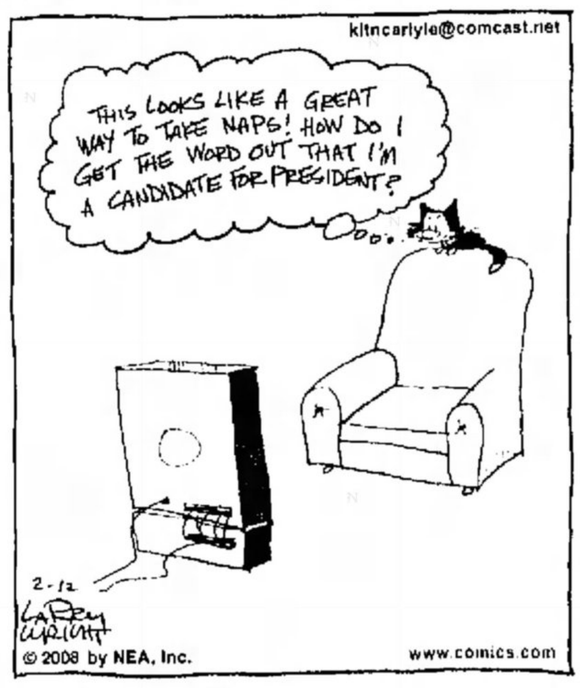


"Whaddyer mean, 'They don't look like you'? You *idiot*! They're *eggs*!

KIT'N' CARLYLE® by Larry Wright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THIS LOOKS LIKE A GREAT WAY TO TAKE NAPS! HOW DO I GET THE WORD OUT THAT I'M A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT?
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23 Buy at auction
24 Jungle warning
27 Erelong
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33 Sole
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35 Part of mph
36 Foreman
37 Treadmill unit
38 Cookbook amt.
39 On board ship
40 Sporty trucks
41 "Yecch!"
42 HP competitor
44 Squeezed dry
47 Cravat kin
51 Movie industry
55 Freud topic
56 Old Dodge model
57 Bone-dry
58 Tierra — Fuego
59 Overly glib
60 Bank on
61 Slippery one

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2 Crooked
3 Subscription term
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5 Actress — Hagen
6 Seize
7 Messy place
8 Achilles' story
9 Gets tanned
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28 Scent finder
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43 No-goodnik
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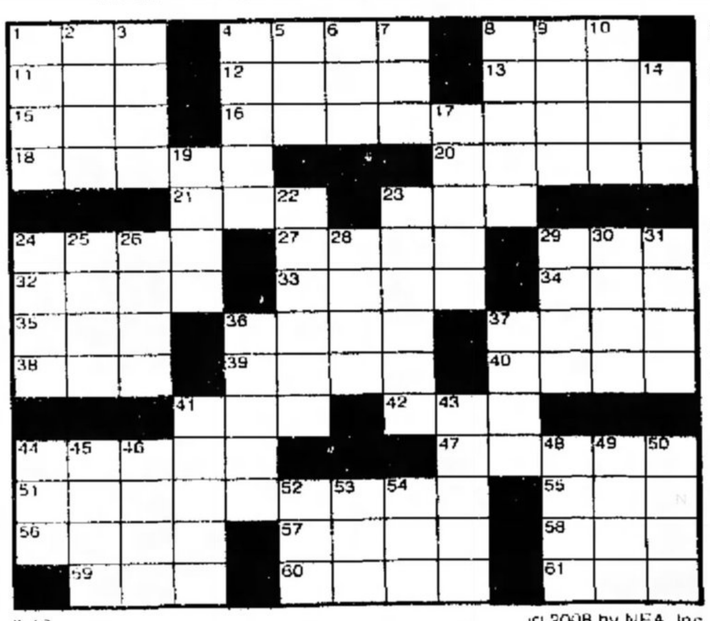

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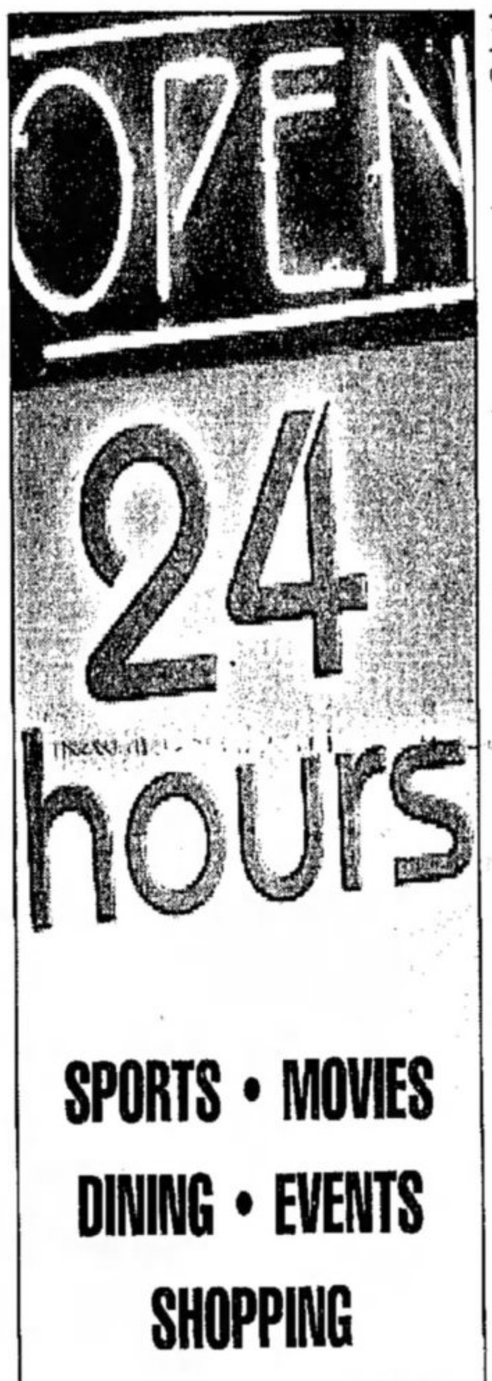

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No. 63-08-0070

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George J. Frank, Jr.
435 Knob Road
Brownsville, PA 15417

Peter J. Daley &
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Peter J. Daley II,
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242 Wood Street
California, PA 15419
1/29,2/5,12

Marcinko, Anna Marie
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Executrix
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3615 Houses/Rent - Indiana
3617 Houses/Rent - Mon Valley
3620 Houses/Rent - Washington
3625 Houses/Rent - Westmoreland
3630 Apts./Complex
3635 Sales/Rent
3640 Rooms/Rent
3645 Mobile Rentals
3650 Wanted Rent

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE - 3700
3700 Commercial - Rent
3705 Commercial - Sales
3710 Industrial - Rent
3715 Industrial - Sales
3720 Investment Property
3725 Wanted Rent

ANNOUNCEMENTS - 4000
4000 Adoption
4010 Cemetery Lots
4020 Entertainment
4030 Financial
4040 Home Improvements
4050 Insurance
4060 Legal Services
4070 Lost & Found
4080 Memorians
4090 Miscellaneous
4100 Personals
4110 Personal Services
4120 Thanks
4130 Tickets

MERCHANDISE - 5000
5000 Apparel & Jewelry
5010 Appliances
5020 Articles
5030 Auctions
5040 Building Material
5050 Business Equipment
5060 Computers
5070 Electronics
5080 Exercise Equipment
5090 Farm Equipment
5100 Feed
5110 Food
5120 Fuel
5130 Furniture
5140 Garden
5150 Home Health Care
5160 Livestock
5170 Machinery/Hardware
5180 Musical
5190 Restaurant Equipment
5200 Top Soil
5210 Trade/Swap!
5220 Wanted To Buy

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5300 Flea Markets
5310 Garage Sales

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5510 Pet In Memoriams
5520 Animal Shelters
5530 Animal Shows
5540 Birds
5550 Cats
5560 Dogs - AKC/ Purebred
5570 Dogs - Mixed
5580 Horses
5585 Pets - Mixed
5590 Kennels/Boarding
5600 Lost & Found
5610 Pet Supplies/Services

AUTOMOTIVE - 6000
6000 Travel
6010 Recreational Vehicles
6020 Motorcycles
6030 Trucks
6040 Sport Utility
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Thomas A. Quintier, CMC/CGS
Secretary-Manager
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NOTICE
WASHINGTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A special meeting of the Washington County Industrial Development Authority will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the offices of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce located at 20 East Beau Street, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301. The meeting will be held for the purpose of discussing a project for Missionary Partners, Ltd /W.G. Tomko, Incorporated and any other matters that may properly come before the Board of the Authority.
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Your Birthday
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13, 2008

AQUARIUS
January 20 through February 18

Although you will have to face some challenging conditions from time to time in the year ahead, you will be a match for anything that confronts you. Even if they should slow you down a bit, you'll easily regain any momentum you lost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- When you get things mixed up, like being kind to someone who doesn't deserve it while being hostile to those who do, people will think of you as being phony. Get your values straightened out.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You know it is best to base your evaluations on logic and practicality, but you'll be inclined to ignore them and follow a hunch instead because you don't want the facts to be what they are. Don't fool yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Be kind to others, but not to the point of playing a banker to help out one of your friends. If he or she can't pay you back, the friendship will fail when your pal starts to avoid you and you begin to think ill of him or her.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Avoid inclinations of talking about things as if they are a fait accompli. This type of behavior leads to letting down on your efforts and ignoring the very things that need to be accomplished.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- There are a couple of things that could hold you back from successful pursuits. One is adopting self-defeating thoughts, and the other is continuing to do things in the same manner that failed you previously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Don't pry too deeply into another's business, because you might uncover something that may or may not be fact, but would cause you to question this person's integrity in an unfair manner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Be extremely cautious about with who you discuss a difficult decision you need to make. Regardless of the person's good intentions, he or she could influence you with flawed judgment and lead you astray.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- There are indications that you will jump to conclusions about some sketchy information you receive. Instead of helping you get a handle on something important, it will cause you problems down the line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You are more of a risk taker than you might admit to yourself, so take care with not only with your financial dealings but all vulnerable situations. The odds do not favor you with success at taking chances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Neither you nor someone who makes you a promise will be good at keeping it, so don't bank on commitments being fulfilled. Let each person do his or her own thing without help from the other.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Avoid participation in gossiping, especially with co-workers or close friends. Even if you're not the source of it, word will sneak out and you will get blamed for being the culprit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Be particularly careful with all your possessions and resources at this point in time. Leaving valuables unsecured or being careless in handling your things will lead to some kind of loss.

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2008 Pet Superstar

Newspaper in Education

FIRST ROUND

Vote early, vote often, but be sure to vote for your favorite pet! All voting proceeds from the Pet Superstar Contest will benefit the Valley Independent Newspaper in Education program.

Voting Rules:

- Each vote is 25 cents*
- Deadline for first round of voting is Friday, February 22 at 4:30pm.
- You may vote for as many pets as many times as you wish.
- Ballot stuffing is entirely appropriate!
- Voting for your own pet is absolutely acceptable. So is bribing your friends to vote too!
- Fill out your voting ballot completely so that your votes will go to your chosen pet(s).
- You may also visit **www.valleyindependent.com/petsuperstar** to download a voting ballot and view the contestant photos online. Votes must be brought in or mailed to the Valley Independent.
- After the deadline, all votes will be tallied to determine the top vote getters.
- Votes are not cumulative and will start over during Round 2.
- The top 50 vote getters will be featured in our second round of voting appearing on Tuesday March 4. Voting will then continue until Friday, March 14 at 4:30 pm.
- The top 25 vote getters will be featured in our third round of voting appearing on Tuesday, March 18. Voting will then continue until Friday, March 28 at 4:30 pm. This voting round will determine the winners.
- The top 3 photos receiving the most votes will appear in the newspaper on April [illegible]. First place is $250.00, Second place is $100.00 and Third place is $50.00
- All proceeds from the Pet Superstar contest benefit the The Valley Independent Newspaper in Education program.

* 25 cent voting fee consists of a voluntary 20 cent donation. If you wish to not donate, you may vote for 5 cents per vote. Votes will be tallied at the end of each voting round based on 5 cents per vote.

OFFICIAL PET SUPERSTAR BALLOT ROUND 1

ROUND ONE!

Tuesday, February 12, 2008 thru 4:30pm on Friday, February 22, 2008

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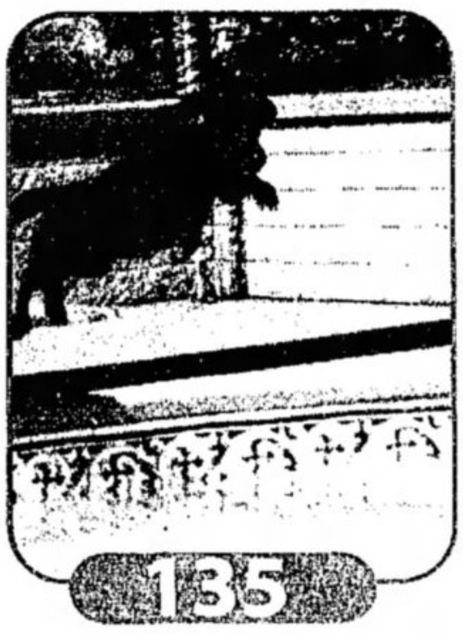
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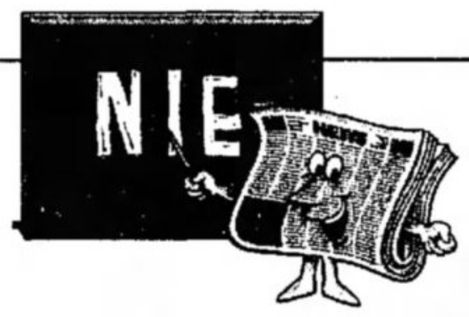

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